



Ms. Mildred Jean "Millie" Hall

May 25, 1938 - February 19, 2025

Mildred Jean "Millie" Hall, 86 went home to be with the Lord on February 19, 2025, at Accolade Healthcare of Peoria, Illinois. "Millie" as she was affectionally called was born May 25, 1938, in Weldon, Arkansas. Millie was preceded in death by her parents Fred & Janie (Allen) Davis., two brothers – Thomas Davis, Fred Davis and one sister Ora Davis-Graf. She is survived by one daughter, Rev. Jane Davis of Albuquerque, New Mexico, one sister Carma (Allen) Smolley of Peoria, Illinois, two nephews: Eric Davis and Jeremiah Davis, and one niece, Tamia Gulliford. Also surviving is Doris Brannan of Kansas City, Missouri and many cousins and friends who loved her dearly.

OTHER ATTRIBUTES OF MILLIE'S

Millie worked for the City of Peoria/Peoria Public Library and retired. She was instrumental in the displays for Black History month, Women's History month and many other exhibits. Millie worked on the Women's History Project that grew out of the Garrett Black History Project and last display with Dr. Romeo B. Garrett, and she was Curator of the Garrett collection and a Research Assistant.

The Traveler Weekly is Peoria's Only Black Based Newspaper, established in 1966 and it is still in production today. Millie worked closely with Elise Allen on

writing many articles for her as requested. She also worked with Angie Henry on the Traveler. The Traveler Weekly honored ten women for their many civic contributions, efforts who were committed to the highest principles of freedom and justice for all – Millie was one of the ten. Millie was inducted in the African American Hall of Fame in 2001.

Millie declined the offer to work with Richard Pryor an American stand-up comedian and actor from Peoria Illinois so she can continue her work here.

While at Bradley University, she interviewed Coretta Scott King during her visit to Peoria, Illinois at Bradley University. She also interviewed Astronaut Scott Altman during his visit to Pekin Illinois.

She was a member of the National Organization of Women working with Dolores Kline - a Feminist pioneer in Peoria, Illinois.

She also did distinguished work for the Peoria Tri-County Centennial Commission and Bradley University Oral project. Millie was often referred as “spiritual energy” behind the African American Hall of Fame Museum in Peoria, Illinois.

If someone needed information on Black History, Millie was the go-to historian. Her many accomplishments included but were not limited to: Published poet, Curator for various museums and very caring for artwork and artifacts. She was also a Notary. Millie correlated her work here with the work that she did while working at the DuSable Museum in Chicago.

She believed that instead of showing rising violence against each other, we should be celebrating diversity and nurturing our unity toward the realization of human liberation.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel (201 N. Mac Arthur Hwy Peoria, IL 61605) at 10:00 a.m. with visitation commencing one hour prior at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Leon Pace Jr. will present the eulogy.

Millie will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery.

Arrangements were made especially for the "Hall" family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/tw_parkscolonialchapel. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of "Mildred Jean "Millie" Hall" please visit our Sympathy Store.

The family wishes to thank everyone for their acts of kindness during our time of need.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

2001 N. University
Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel
201 N. Mac Arthur Hwy
Peoria, IL 61605
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Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ I'm greatly saddened to have just learned about Millie's passing. She was a remarkable citizen, dedicated to making Peoria and our country better places. No one knew more about the history of African Americans in Peoria, and she was generous in sharing that knowledge.

With my deepest condolences,

Jim Ralph

Jim Ralph - October 23, 2025 at 10:47 AM

JS

“ R.I.H.P.

From the daughter of Myrtle Smith.



Joyce M Smith - May 23, 2025 at 09:59 AM

GW

“ Gwendolyn Edgerson Wilson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred Jean "Millie" Hall



Gwendolyn Edgerson Wilson - February 26, 2025 at 08:20 PM

VI

“ *Millie was always helpful to anyone who went into the library. She would excitedly help you gather resources to write a paper for school. She seemed to love her job.* ”



Vivian - February 25, 2025 at 08:58 PM