

*Celebrating
the Life of*



Carol Miles Bradley
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The Best is Yet to Come

My greatest achievement is bearing and raising my two beautiful children to be good, honest, smart, caring, respectful individuals. When they were small, they would ask me what I wanted most from them when they grew up. My response: Don't break my heart! I am happy to report that I leave this world with my heart still whole.

I was born in Los Angeles, California on September 2, 1945, the daughter of Inez Towns and Willie Bradley. I never knew my father, but was told he was in the military and killed in the war. In 1952, my mother, baby brother, Joe Jr. and I moved to Richmond, California to live with my mother's sister and her husband.

I attended church regularly in Los Angeles and in Richmond, California. I joined St. John Missionary Baptist Church at 14 years old. My step father was a deacon, which meant I went to every Sunday service, served in some capacity in the church, and often had the pastor over for Sunday dinners. After graduating Harry Ells High School in 1963, I started working for the federal government.

In 1967, I married David Miles, Sr. My daughter, Steffane Reniece, was born in 1968 and my son, Darrell LaMont, in 1972. Marital bliss ended officially in 1975. With fierce determination, strong familial support, and a point to make; I applied, was accepted and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1978. My graduation present to myself was to purchase a 3 bedroom bungalow which would be my home for 22 years. As a cheerleader's mom and having a son involved in every sport imaginable - soccer, baseball, basketball, football and track, I spent many years in the gym and on athletic fields.

During this period, I secured good jobs, the best being the Assistant City Clerk of Oakland, and subsequently, the Clerk of the Boards for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District in San Francisco. In 2000, I retired and moved to Huntsville, Alabama to be available to Steffane, who was pregnant with her third child. Though totally different from the hustle and vibrancy of the Bay Area, it turned out that moving to Huntsville was just one of many decisions God made to bring my life into focus. Having never worked in retail, I applied to and was immediately hired at JC Penney for part time employment. Thus, what started as "something to do so I won't be bored" turned into 11 years full time at Penney's, Dillard's, Parisian and Belk. I retired again in 2011. In 2003, Darrell moved to Huntsville, and our family reunion was complete. A final job blessing God bestowed on me was a three year part time receptionist position at WAFF, Channel 48. Just what I needed.

Heave to mourn my passing; Steffane Reniece Battle (Marvin 'Lucky'), Darrell LaMont Miles (Elizabeth), and seven beautiful grandchildren: Marvin 'Roc' Battle (Egypt), Miles 'Mac' Battle (Maya), Maci Battle; Darrell Miles, Jr. (Delia), Israel 'Izz' Miles, Jordan 'Jordy' Miles, Kahlia 'Bea' Miles; and three great grandchildren: Thailand 'Thai' Battle, Ariana 'Ari' Miles, and Ameiko 'Meiko' Miles; a goddaughter, Iyana King (Marcus) and a godson, Hollis M. Cooksey IV; siblings Joseph Johnson (Ollie), Emmett Wells (Sylvia); and a host of other family and friends. I am preceded in death by my parents and sister Juanita Waller (Herman).

My life did not exist without trials and tribulations, but because of God's mercy and His blessings, I survived, learned and prospered. And as I take this final walk into paradise, I am confident that 'The Best Is Yet To Come'.