



Mrs. Edna Montgomery Hiller

September 14, 1932 - December 17, 2013

Edna Montgomery Hiller was born September 14, 1932 in Hopkins, SC. She was the second child of Richard Montgomery and Oneida Gallman Montgomery. She was united in marriage to the late Trustee William Swan Hiller, who preceded her in death.

“Bay” as she was affectionately known began her formal education in a one-room Siloam School founded by her grandfather, the late educator, Reverend Harrison Gallman, who also baptized her at an early age, while he was Pastor of Siloam Baptist Church. Her mother was a church musician who chauffeured her father to Siloam, Mt. Moriah and other churches he pastored.

Her first teacher at Siloam School was her mother. After moving to Columbia, she attended Waverly School and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, where she was a cheerleader. She later joined Bethlehem Baptist Church of Lyon Street in Columbia, SC.

Professionally, she worked at the telephone company before settling into a career at the SC State Hospital on Bull Street. After working her way up from a glassware washer, she spent the last 24 years as a laboratory technician and retired at the age of 55 after 35 years.

After her marriage to Mr. William Swan Hiller, she moved her membership to Trinity Baptist Church. While there, she continued a family tradition of singing the Songs of Zion.

At Trinity, she distinguished herself as a vocalist with operatic soprano renditions of songs such as "He Would Not Come Down from the Cross", "I Want to Know" and "Order My Steps". Mrs. Hiller's second cousin, Madam Edna Gallman Cooke, daughter of her great uncle, Rev. Eddie Gallman, was a world renowned gospel singer.

After Trustee Swan Hiller's death, she was appointed to fill his vacant seat on the ministry. For the past decade she held the title of Trustee emeritus of Trinity Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Deacon Richard (Bo-Monk) Montgomery, Jr.

She leaves to cherish many meaningful and fond memories, her son, Reverend Ivan Goodwin, Jr. (Wilma Ward) of Columbia, SC; three grandchildren, Ivan B. Thomas, Denver, CO, Quinn J. and Jason P. Goodwin of Columbia, SC; five great grandchildren, May Thomas, Nezzie Thomas, of Denver, CO and Londyn Goodwin of Columbia, SC; Darreon La` Boo, of Temple, Texas and James J. Davis of Columbia, SC; six step grandchildren one sister-in-law, Thelma Montgomery of Orlando, FL; two god daughters; cousins, Marian Easter and Donna J. Gilbert and a host of other loving relatives and friends and brothers and sisters in Christ

Services will be held 2:00 pm Sunday, December 22, 2013 at Trinity Baptist Church, with interment to follow in the Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens. The family request that condolences and memorials be made on their webpage at www.palmermemorialchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens

Columbia, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Edna Montgomery Hiller*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Ivan, Wilma & family,*

Our collective hearts are heavy with sympathy for you at this time. You will remain in our prayers.

Gloria Means and family

Gloria Means - December 30, 2013 at 02:20 AM



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“ *To The Hiller Family*

*Think of the joy she left behind-
Her cheerful smile and laughter,
Think of her loving words and deeds
That will live forever after....*

*Think of all these wonderful things
And even though she's gone,*

*She left so much for us to think about.
She shared with me the advantages of traveling, long before I took
my first
plane ride, and for this I am most grateful.
I have fond memories of Ms. Hiller
and I am pretty sure you do too.*

*To the Hiller & Goodwin Families, Louise and I could not be with you
today but we pray that God will keep you during your loss.*

*Anthony & Louise Ward
Suisun City, CA. 94585*

Anthony Ward - December 22, 2013 at 10:17 AM

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“ *Trustee Edna Hiller served faithfully on the Trustee Ministry at Trinity
Baptist Church. She performed her duties above and beyond
expectations. She was a faithful member - her smile and laughter
will be missed.*

Former Chair of the Trustee Ministry - Oscar Walker

Oscar Walker - December 21, 2013 at 11:51 AM

JH

“ I worked with Edna in the Lab for more than 30 years. Her retirement gave all the rest of us hope that we too might just make it to retirement. We were like a family in the Lab at DMH. Rest in Peace my friend. Ivan and family my sincere condolences. Edna will surely be missed from our retirees group.

John Henry

John Henry - December 20, 2013 at 09:43 AM