

Floral Bearers
Classmates and Friends

Pallbearers

Glen Thompson, Lamont Williams, Roy Dowdy, George Troxler
Ryan Marsh, Nevon Newby, Randall Bittle, Eddie Mason

God Knows Best

Our Father knows what's best for us, so why should we complain—
We always want the sunshine, but He knows there must be rain—
We love the sound of laughter and the merriment of cheer,
But our hearts would lose their tenderness if we never shed a tear . . .

Our Father tests us often with suffering and with sorrow,
He tests us, not to punish us, but to help us meet tomorrow . . .
For growing trees are strengthened when they withstand the storm,
And the sharp cut of the chisel gives the marble grace and form . . .
God never hurts us needlessly, and never wastes our pain,
For every loss He sends to us is followed by rich gain . . .
And when we count the blessings that God has so freely sent,
We will find no cause for murmuring and no time to lament . . .
For Our Father loves His children, and to Him all things are plain . . .
So He never sends us pleasure when the soul's deep need is pain . . .
So whenever we are troubled, and when everything goes wrong,
It is just God working in us.

To make our spirit strong.

Helen S. Rice

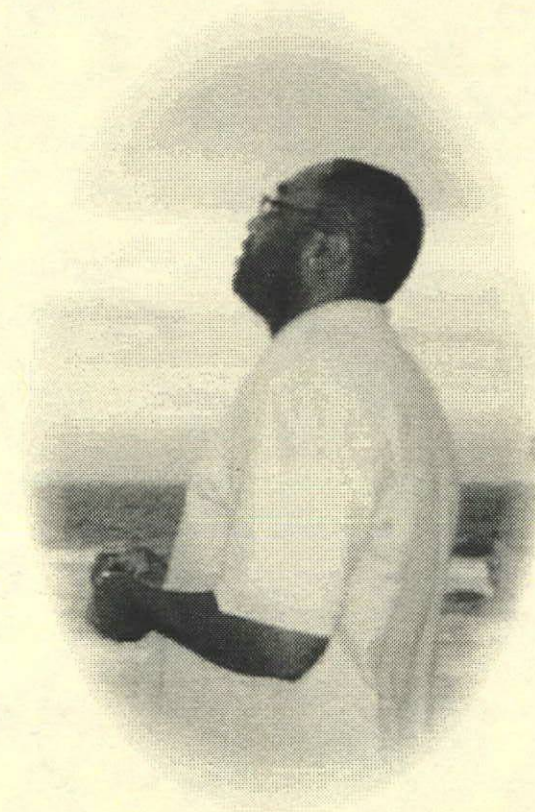
Acknowledgments

In our time of sorrow and grief, your words of sympathy and deeds of kindness
are a pillar upon which our strength is built. For your prayers that will help to
sustain us, we shall be eternally grateful.

Services Entrusted to:

Farrar Funeral Service
Siler City, North Carolina

**In Loving Memory
Of
Edmond Ryan Milliken**



Tuesday, January 18, 2005

2:00 p.m.

Corinth A.M.E. Zion Church

Siler City, NC 27344

Rev. Corey Little, Pastor Officiant

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional

Hymn

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament
Psalms 121

New Testament
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Prayer of Comfort

Silent Reflections

Solo

Eulogy

Clergy and Family

"In Times Like These"

Marisa Dawson

Maury Moffitt

Rev. Corey Little

Musical Interlude

Sis. Anissa Little

Rev. George Greene

Macedonia New Life Church

Raleigh, NC

Recessional

Interment

Corinth Cemetery

OBITUARY

Lean not unto thine understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. —Proverbs 3:5-6

Edmond Ryan Milliken passed from life to eternal rest on Saturday, January 15, 2005. Ryan, the youngest of two children, was born in Chatham County on December 7, 1972 to Edward R. Sr. and Ella G. Milliken.

At an early age Ryan joined Corinth A.M.E. Zion Church in Siler City, NC. He was an active member of the Junior Church, Sunday School, Varick Christian Endeavor and participated in numerous youth activities.

Ryan graduated from Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City, North Carolina in 1991. He was the recipient of many academic and athletic awards during his high school career. He participated in track, basketball and football. He fervor and passion for sports enabled him to be named all conference in football and track.

After high school Ryan enrolled at North Carolina State University where he was awarded a full football athletic scholarship. In addition to participating in various campus organizations, he was inducted into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Ryan received a Bachelor of Science degree in Sport Management from North Carolina State University in 1995.

Ryan married LaVonda on December 9, 1994. To this union, two handsome energetic sons were born. We was a loving husband, devoted father, son, brother, and friend. He was a warmhearted, gracious individual who always greeted you with a kiss and a smile. He made long-lasting friendships easily, and those friendships will become a legacy to his loving and compassionate spirit.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, LaVonda W. Milliken; two sons, Kamau Lee and Ijoemah Israel; parents, Edward R., Sr. and Ella G. Milliken; brothers, Edward R. Milliken, Jr. (Alisa) of Raleigh, NC and W. Glen Thompson of Norfolk, VA; an uncle, Michael Milliken of Siler City, NC; an aunt, Massaline Stith (Henry) of Hyattsville, MD; a special uncle and aunt, Alexander, Jr. and Madeline Graves of Siler City, NC; and two sisterly cousins, Bettye H. Dawson (Jimmy) of Jacksonville, NC and Cheryl Haith of Siler City, NC in addition to a host of other relatives and friends.

We Love You Dad
— Kamau and Ijoemah