



## Mrs. Mildred Louise "Millie" (Gibbs) Parrish

January 25, 1938 - January 7, 2022

UTICA – Mrs. Mildred Louise “Millie” (Gibbs) Parrish, age 83, passed away peacefully on Friday morning, January 7, 2022, with her loving family by her side.

Mildred was born on January 25, 1938 in White Oak, GA, to the late Eugene and Lottie Mae (Walker) Gibbs. There Mildred attended local schools, going on to graduate from Ralph J. Bunche High School.

Mildred married Nathaniel Parrish in July of 1954, and together the couple shared in a loving union blessed with four children. In 1959, the pair decided to relocate to Utica, which became their new home and where Mildred would remain for the rest of her life. Tragically, Nathaniel passed away in 1964 – ten years into their marriage. Upon her husband’s death, Mildred channeled her inner strength, choosing independence for herself in order to raise their four children with her full dedication.

Though she was widowed at 25, Mildred’s strength was not diminished. A hard worker, she always made sure to provide for her family. There was nothing Mildred received that she did not earn. She bore the uncanny ability to persevere despite any obstacle, and yet was not hardened by her suffering. Indeed, she was well-liked and well-loved, often affectionately known as “Millie.” Other fond nicknames for Mildred included: “Milli Vanilli,” “The Warden,” and “Gram.”

Mildred’s career began with her employment at the General Electric Radio Receiver Plant on Bleecker Street, where she held a long-time position.

Eventually, she would shift to working from the location on French Road. After her time with GE, Mildred gained employment at Oneida Ltd., where she worked as an assembler until her retirement. Following her retirement, Mildred offered her time and her heart to a highly worthy cause and became a foster parent.

When she was not working or caring for those dependent upon her, Mildred passed her free time doing her favorite hobbies: fishing and playing bingo. She greatly enjoyed both. Mildred was of the Baptist Faith.

Mildred is survived by her beloved daughters, Patricia Jackson and her late husband Dennis, who passed away on April 24, 2020, Angela and her husband Eugene Walker, and Deborah Montanez; as well as by her son, Reginald and his wife Beverly "Nese" Parrish. Mildred leaves behind her many treasured grandchildren, Alicia Harvey, Dennis Jackson, Jr., Teresa and Christopher Cahill; Myle Walker, Delmar Walker, Alexis Walker, honorary grandson Sean Morelle; Ernesto Montanez, Shayla and Nikolas Lewis, Riccardo Montanez; Tiyea Frazier, Shatiea Frazier-Love, and Anthony Jackson. Mildred held close the memory of her grandchildren who preceded her, Carmen Jackson, and Nathaniel Harvey, Sr. Mildred will live on in the hearts of her 26 great-grandchildren, as well as her brother-in-law, Franklin Parish; special nephews, Rodney, and Barry Johnson, and Willie Hardy; special friend, Channie Grimes; and her special friend and cousin, Rosa "Pinky" Epps. Mildred was predeceased by her brother, Eugene Gibbs; and her three sisters, Elizabeth "Queenie" Johnson, Victoria Gibbs, and Trillar Kennedy.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the kind and loving staff at the MVHS Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, especially Barton North and Barton West, for their care and compassion.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2022, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. At 5:00 pm Mildred's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will be offered at the funeral home. Regardless of vaccination status, face masks are

required to remain in compliance with the state and county mask order. Due to the surge in COVID cases, the family will not be having a reception after the service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

## Home Going Service

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# Tribute Wall

PF

“ We Are Sending Our Sympathy & Praying For You Family Love Always. Prince Jackson & Workman Families



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**Prince Jackson & Workman Families** - January 15, 2022 at 10:13 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred Louise "Millie" (Gibbs) Parrish.



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January 14, 2022 at 04:14 PM

GC

“ To my dearest sister Debbie Parrish and daughter Shayla, my deepest condolences to you and your family on the ascension of your beautiful mother. Just know my heart is with you.

Your Brother  
Gregory Curry

Dothan, Alabama

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**Gregory Curry** - January 13, 2022 at 07:39 PM

DH

“ *Debbie Boykin Henderson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Mildred Louise "Millie" (Gibbs) Parrish.*



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**Debbie Boykin Henderson** - January 13, 2022 at 02:21 PM

DW

“ *We were neighbors on Howard Ave. Beautiful family. Went I visit the home We always visited with her. Beautiful lady with a beautiful ❤️. My deepest condolences to her family. Sending prayers and hugs to you all.*



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**Dawn Winston** - January 11, 2022 at 05:09 PM

MA

“ *Margie/Mark sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mildred Louise "Millie" (Gibbs) Parrish*



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**Margie/Mark** - January 10, 2022 at 08:24 PM

MA

“ Our deepest condolences the family. I loved Millie like a mom, she was truly special. I was blessed to have known her. She was so sweet, kind, and loving and always made me feel loved and accepted. I have many good memories of her, she was an amazing loving person, she always put a smile on my face, she always made me laugh. I will miss her so much. To my best friend Debbie and the family, I am so sorry for your precious loss. I love y'all so much. Hugs and prayers. R.I.P. "Millie-Vanilli" Until we meet again up in heaven.

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**Margie/Mark** - January 10, 2022 at 08:23 PM

MA

“ Margie/Mark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mildred Louise "Millie" (Gibbs) Parrish



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**Margie/Mark** - January 10, 2022 at 08:09 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred Louise "Millie" (Gibbs) Parrish.



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January 10, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred Louise "Millie" (Gibbs) Parrish.*



January 10, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred Louise "Millie" (Gibbs) Parrish.*



January 10, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred Louise "Millie" (Gibbs) Parrish.*



January 10, 2022 at 12:45 AM



“ *Grandma, I will always cherish our memories we had together. Going fishing with you, playing cards, watching soap operas, feeding the squirrels peanuts off the porch on Dudley Ave and you cooking those yummy delicious meals. I had the best times with you and I'll miss you terribly but I know you are now resting and smiling down on us. My guardian angel, I love you forever!! Until we meet again grams 🙏👼❤️*



**Shayla Lewis-Granddaughter** - January 09, 2022 at 10:01 PM

BS

“ To my aunt Millie, the last of my mothers siblings. It is with a very humble heart that I say you you'll be missed very dearly knowing that you were the last loving of the Eugene Gibbs children. You never have to speak with someone every day, week or month to know that you're loved nor what they mean to you. Family is always family til the end. We love you and always will. Thank you for being a wonderful auntie to my family and I ❤️ Love you always from your nephew Barry E Johnson Sr and Family... Take your rest aunt Millie a job well done 😊❤️

Barry E Johnson Sr - January 09, 2022 at 09:21 PM

EE

“ I remember how she kept us in check on Howard Ave. A strong woman with a loving heart.

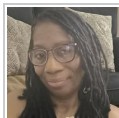
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Evon Ervin - January 09, 2022 at 07:44 PM

BF

“ Condolences and prayers to family. Always a fun time of laughter and jokes when we all were together. S.I.P.

Brenda Fudge - January 09, 2022 at 06:53 PM



Thank you, Cuz. 🙏❤️

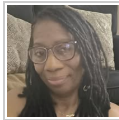
Deborah Parrish-Montanez - January 18, 2022 at 10:38 AM

EJ

“ My condolences and 🙏 to my Parrish family  
Rest In Peace (mom )Millie no more suffering  
you're in god care and hands you will truly will  
be miss you had earn your wings in heaven  
we have another angel👼 in heaven you will  
be🕊️in heaven 🙏 rest in paradise



Ernesto montanez jr - January 09, 2022 at 06:49 PM



Deborah Parrish-Montanez - January 18, 2022 at 10:38 AM

MF

“ My Condolences to Debbie and the Parrish  
Family🙏🙏🙏🥺🥺🥺 love u guys



Marcia Perkins & Tyrone Jr & Family - January 09, 2022 at 06:13 PM

DM

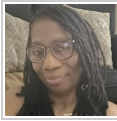
Love you too, Sis. ❤️

Deborah Montanez - January 11, 2022 at 11:59 PM

PJ

“ Mom. I love you and will miss you tremendously. Your Pattie appreciates all your sacrifices and all the relentless hard work for your children. We may not of always had what we wanted but you made sure that we always had what we needed. I gained my strength and independence from watching you. I tried to instill that in my daughter's as well. My heart hurts Mom. Please rest in peace. You did a good job, your work here is done. I love you Millie💜💜

Patricia Parrish Jackson - January 09, 2022 at 06:07 PM



Deborah Parrish-Montanez - January 18, 2022 at 10:38 AM

MH

“ Condolences to Deborah and family.



Mark Harf - January 09, 2022 at 05:54 PM

DM

Thank you, Mark. ❤️

Deborah Montanez - January 11, 2022 at 11:58 PM