



Mrs. Mildred McIntyre Braxton

July 22, 1933 - June 2, 2024

In the infinite wisdom of the Lord, Mildred McIntyre Braxton surrendered to the call for eternal rest on June 2, 2024. She was the fifth of six children born July 22, 1933, to Walter McEachern McIntyre and Rebecca Hooks McIntyre in Cheraw, South Carolina.

At an early age, Mildred accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior receiving her early spiritual instruction and training at Pee Dee Union Baptist Church in Cheraw, South Carolina. Her Christian journey continued as a young adult when she joined First Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of the late Reverend Dr. C.R. Edwards. Mildred served for many years as an accomplished organist and pianist for the League, Senior and Youth choirs at First Baptist Church. Because of her accomplished musicianship, she was sought after to accompany musicians, soloists, and choirs in the community and at various churches including College Heights Presbyterian Church and Haymount Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, NC.

Mildred graduated as valedictorian of her class in 1952 from Coulter Memorial Academy in Cheraw, SC. After graduation from high school, Mildred attended Fayetteville State Teacher's College, now known as Fayetteville State University, from 1952-1956. As a student at Fayetteville State Teacher's College, Mildred was involved in numerous campus activities. These include serving as an officer in the Charles Waddell Chesnutt Book Club and her

initiation into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Alpha Chapter in May 1954. She graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and continued her post-graduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where she received a Master of Arts degree in Education.

With a career spanning over 40 years, Mildred Braxton was an esteemed educator. She dedicated her life to fostering learning and growth in her students and in the community. Her impact, dedication and commitment touched the lives of students in Lumberton (Robeson County) NC, Fayetteville City Schools and Cumberland County School System (Fayetteville, NC). She taught students at various grade levels (elementary through high school) who exhibited various learning styles and abilities. Some of the schools in which she taught include Ferguson Elementary School, Margaret Willis Elementary School, and Horace Sisk Junior High School (formerly of Fayetteville City Schools). At the time of her retirement, Mildred Braxton was an exceptional children's teacher at Ezekiel Ezra Smith High School in Fayetteville, NC.

After her retirement, Mildred continued her advocacy for education. She was a member of the Cumberland County Retired School Personnel, an affiliate of the North Carolina Teachers Association; and Fayetteville State University Alumni Association, Inc. Cumberland County Chapter and she was a faithful member until her health declined. Mildred was an original member of the Little Miss and Master FSU Pageant Committee, the Cumberland County Chapter's signature fundraising event. She was also the pianist of the children's pageant performances. Mildred was a member and volunteer at the Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc. According to remarks made at an annual board meeting, "Mildred's volunteer history with Cumberland Community Foundation was extensive. She was elected to the Board in 1999. Mildred served in many roles, including the chair of the three-year neighborhood small grants program – Strengthening Neighborhood Initiative.

At the Cumberland Community Foundation, she is known as the ‘Scholarship Ambassador.’ She brought many of the CCF scholarship donors to the CCF- Literally. “She picked them up in her car and brought them with their checkbooks down to CCF. Mildred helped build an inclusive scholarship program that has integrity and maintains the trust of the community. Since she joined the board, annual scholarship awards have grown from \$12,000 to \$694,000. The scholarship program now awards over a million dollars annually. Mildred’s hard work and advocacy for CCF will change lives – For good. For ever.” Because of her dedication and commitment, the Cumberland Community Foundation has established the Mildred Braxton Memorial Endowment for Education. “This endowment was created by members of the board and staff of Cumberland Community Foundation to celebrate Mildred Braxton’s leadership from 1999 through 2011 and to continue her support of education opportunities for children and youth with priority for summer camps, programs at E. E. Smith High School, and scholarships, as the fund grows.”

Mildred was the devoted and loving wife of Retired Army Major James Earl Braxton for 44 years whom she met while he was stationed at Fort Bragg (now Fort Liberty), NC. This union was blessed with a son, Vincent, whom she dearly loved.

Mildred is preceded in death by her husband, James E. Braxton; parents, Walter and Rebecca McIntyre; brothers Walter McIntyre, Jr., and George McIntyre; and sisters Bessie M. Robinson, Evelyn M. Broom, and Gladys M. Hill.

Cherishing her life and legacy is her loving son, Vincent Braxton of Fayetteville, NC; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; and a multitude of other relatives, neighbors and friends.

Because of her love for Jesus Christ and the love she demonstrated to her family, friends, church and the community; she will be deeply missed, and her memory will be forever cherished.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc. for the Mildred Braxton Memorial Endowment for Education, PO Box 2345, Fayetteville, NC 28302 or online at www.cumberlandcf.org.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral

JUN 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
302 Moore Street
Fayetteville, NC

Burial

JUN 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery
8220 Bragg Blvd
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Mildred McIntyre Braxton



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - June 21, 2024 at 03:23 PM

“ Remarks at the funeral of Mildred Braxton on June 13, 2024

EVERYONE at the community foundation LOVED Mrs. Braxton. And, she LOVED the community foundation.

You know how you have that ONE aunt, that ONE neighbor, that ONE advocate who is so proud of you and supports EVERYTHING you do. That was Mrs. Braxton and the community foundation.

Mildred Braxton started as a scholarship committee volunteer at the community foundation in 1998.

We saw what a wonderful volunteer she was, especially for the Cumberland Retired School Personnel. I would go with her to the monthly meetings of the Cumberland Retired School Personnel, and she would LITERALLY pass a hat around for gifts to their scholarship endowment at the community foundation. And, that scholarship fund grew and grew and grew.

So, in 1999, Mrs. Braxton was invited to join the board of directors at Cumberland Community Foundation. While on the board, Mrs. Braxton was the chair of our Strengthening Neighborhoods Initiative for three years. She served on the community foundation's Education Grants Committee and on the Community Grants Committee for many years. But, her real love was serving on the Scholarship Committee, which she chaired for several years. She served on our board for 12 years.

And, she continued to be a wonderful friend of the foundation after retiring from the board, including

- Volunteering on the scholarship selection committee*
- Donating annually to send children to summer camp*
- And, giving to and advising the grant selection for the Friends Of African American Families Endowment Fund*

We fondly called Mrs. Braxton our “Scholarship Ambassador.” Mrs.

Braxton had a way of GENTLY ... QUIETLY ... Getting you to do WHATEVER she wanted you to do.

Once in 2003, Mrs. Braxton told Mary Holmes ... "be at your office at 3pm today. I am coming with Rosa Torrey and she is going to create a scholarship endowment in memory of her husband, Curtis."

Mary said, "That is so great. What did Mrs. Torrey say?" Mrs. Braxton replied, "Oh.... ROSA doesn't know yet."

Mrs. Torrey later told Mary that Mrs. Braxton just called her one day and said, "Get your checkbook. We are going down to the community foundation." And Mrs. Torrey did it! She created the Curtis E. Torrey Scholarship Endowment for local students who would attend Fayetteville State University, or NCA&T, or South Carolina State University.

And, many of Mrs. Braxton's retired teacher friends joined in to help give more students the opportunity to attend college.

When Mrs. Braxton joined our board we were awarding \$12,000 in college scholarships every year. When she retired from our board, the community foundation was awarding \$694,000 in scholarships every year.

And now, we are proud to say that we just awarded \$1.1 million dollars in scholarships for our local kids who are going to college this fall.

When we visited Mrs. Braxton at The Carolina Inn, she was always so proud to hear how many students we were helping go to college. Mrs. Braxton showed us how ONE person can make a difference.

We are really going to really miss Mrs. Braxton, but she will ALWAYS be remembered for what she did to help local students. Our board, staff, and friends have created the Mildred Braxton Memorial Endowment for Education.

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- *summer camps,*
- *programs at E. E. Smith High School, and*
- *college scholarships, as the fund grows.*

When she left our board of directors, Mrs. Braxton said that she hoped to have made a difference.

She did! Mildred McIntyre Braxton, you will never be forgotten. Rest in peace.

Thank you, Kimmi Nettles and Mary Holmes, Cumberland Community Foundation

Mary Holmes - June 18, 2024 at 05:40 PM

LS

“ *Levetta G Smith lit a candle in memory of Mildred Braxton*



Levetta G Smith - June 18, 2024 at 08:45 AM

MB

“ *Rest in Paradise Mrs. Braxton. I remember your sweet spirit as you played for the Fayetteville Senior Anseble as I was a member of for many years. (Correction) prev. Message*

Mary C Bell - June 15, 2024 at 06:53 PM

MB

“ Rest in parents Mrs. Braxton. I loved your spirit, playing for The Fayetteville Senior Ensemble, as I was a member for several years

Mary C Bell - June 15, 2024 at 06:45 PM

TM

“ Theolive and Bettye Mobley-Washington lit a candle in memory of Mildred Braxton



Theolive and Bettye Mobley-Washington - June 13, 2024 at 09:23 AM

BM

“ A Sunset on Earth is
A Sunrise in Heaven.
Soror Mildred will be missed by many.
She was such a delight.
May she rest in peace eternally.
Soror Bettye Mobley-Washington



Bettye Mobley-Washington - June 13, 2024 at 09:22 AM

PS

“ Rest well my sophisticated and kind music teacher/piano teacher.



Pam Suggs Story - June 09, 2024 at 10:02 AM

SW

*My sympathy ,
Sylvia Smith Williams*

Sylvia S. Williams - June 14, 2024 at 08:45 AM

MF

“ *Our condolences are extended to the family of Mildred Braxton.
Keeping each of you in our prayers.*

Mattie Parker & the Dunigan Family - June 08, 2024 at 08:17 PM

LM

“ *Lydia Mooe lit a candle in memory of Mildred
Braxton*



Lydia Mooe - June 08, 2024 at 06:48 PM

DT

“ *Mrs. Braxton's smile and quiet nature will truly be missed by our
congregation. Prayers and Condolences to her family.*

*Deacon Stacie Thomas
Haymount Presbyterian Church*

Deacon Stacie Thomas - June 05, 2024 at 01:54 PM

LC

“ *Vincent and the McIntyre-Braxton families:
Please accept my heartfelt condolences. May your loving mother
and relative RIP.*

Lois Charleston-Ray - June 05, 2024 at 11:22 AM

BE

“Cousin Mildread will be missed, I remember when she would come over to the house and play the piano for my mom and day. She played so beautifully and she loved it, she loved music as well as her family. She with her sisters whom she missed dearly are together now rejoicing. Vincent you have Dasha and I deepest condolences, I am sure this is difficult for you but your mom loved you so much! I loved your mother's smile and her welcoming personality and My heart goes out to you. Dasha and I are sending you our heartfelt sympathy at this sad time, we are praying for you, always look to God and remember to Keep him in your life, your family loves you and so does God.
(Beverly & DaSha)

beverlyishman - June 05, 2024 at 10:30 AM