



## Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr.

July 5, 1960 - September 4, 2023

Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr., was born in Orlando, Florida on July 5, 1960, to proud and loving parents Theodis McMiller, Sr. and Mary Alice McMiller. He was a lifelong resident of Apopka, Florida, where he attended the local schools, graduating from Apopka High School Class of 1978. Early in life, he met the love of his life, Dolores Gunn. These High School sweethearts have honored their Wedding Vows for 43 years, creating a beautiful family together.

Growing up, he was an exceptional athlete participating in his High School basketball and football teams. After serving eight years in the United States Army, he received numerous awards and certifications. Helping to create career opportunities at Coco-Cola, Walt Disney World, City of Apopka, and Fiskcar, Inc.

In his free time, he loved to fish, golf, and watch sports (a true Gators fan!). He was known as the family chef and a professional comedian. Definitely being the life of every event. His family and friends would agree his famous barbecue and jokes kept everyone smiling. He was a great father to his children, while filling in the gap for so many others in the community.

Joining Orlando West Ministries, he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. His love for God, led him to become an ordained Deacon. As a devoted member of OWM, he served with the Men's Ministry. Theodis meant

something to everyone who knew him. He was truly a legend and will be missed dearly.

Theodis is preceded in death by his son Theodis McMiller III, and mother, Mary Alice McMiller and father, Theodis McMiller, Sr.

Theodis departed this life on September 4, 2023. He leave to cherish fond memories: a devoted wife of 43 years, Dolores McMiller, Apopka; two children, Theshedra McMiller Smith (Kylund), Apopka and Avantae McMiller (Yontavia) Apopka; grandchildren, Nikia Smith (DeAndre), Apopka; Ezekiel McMiller, Sanaiya McMiller, Skylar McMiller, and Ezra McMiller; siblings, Valerie McMiller-Hendrix (Leonard), New York, Deborah Britten (Aaron) Apopka, Joanne Patterson, Apopka, Latonja McMiller Rew (Anthony), Apopka, Stacey McMiller, Sr., Fitzgerald, Georiga, and Xavier McMiller, Atlanta, Georgia; sister-in-law, brother-in-law and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many sorrowing friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388

## Service

SEP **16.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Orlando West Ministries  
3005 Powers Drive  
Orlando, FL 32808

# Tribute Wall



“ *Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *MR& MRS KENNETH GARNER lit a candle  
in memory of Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr.*



**MR& MRS KENNETH GARNER** - September 24, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ *MR& MRS KENNETH GARNER*

**MR& MRS KENNETH GARNER** - September 24, 2023 at 02:45 PM

MW

“ Well, Deacon McMiller, my heart was very saddened to learn and finally hear of your passing. A very dear, kind, sweet and soft spoken Man of God whom I enjoyed fellowshiping with as co servants for the Kingdom of God under the magnificent leadership of Pastor R Keith Hicks the one and only Orlando West Ministries Church family of the Most High God, you will never be forgotten. Much love, and prayer to Mother McMiller and the family during this time of loss. I most certainly will miss your cool stroll into the isle and sanctuary of Orlando West every Sunday Morning and my loving wave send off to you guys when service has ended and we are going our separate ways back home. I will forever have loving memories, laughs, cries, and the such as we converse amongst one another along side you and your beautiful and precious Queen Delores McMiller, in that church sanctuary lobby, such loving real and true trustworthy friends who we could always encourage one another. Brother, Deacon McMiller, I will forever remember your last and powerful testimony you shared with tears to the house of God on that Sunday, I needed to hear your overcoming and determined heart, spirit and the joy it filled your heart with. I felt it within the depths of my very soul also. We may not always understand the plan of our Loving Heavenly Father, but our very entrance and exit lies within His plan and purpose. Rest now soldier, take your rest, until we meet again, don't crown him though, until I get there. Rest now child of the most High God! Loving you guys always, Mother Sharon Williams, Servant, Disciple and Member of the Orlando West Church Family.



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**Mother Sharon Williams** - September 18, 2023 at 11:13 AM

AL

“ *Angela Ligon lit a candle in memory of Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr.*



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**Angela Ligon** - September 16, 2023 at 12:44 PM

TF

“ *Praying for peace that surpasses all understanding for the family of Theodis. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow. With Love Theresa Orr Fields*  
*Class of 78 Apopka High School* 🤍🙏

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**Theresa Fields** - September 16, 2023 at 11:08 AM

TF

“ *Theresa Fields lit a candle in memory of Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr.*



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**Theresa Fields** - September 16, 2023 at 11:00 AM

SC

“ *My sincere condolences to the family! Prayers of strength and comfort! Mr. Mcmiller has always been a beacon of light with such a warm personality. Much love to you all. Sonya Culver*

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**Sonya Culver** - September 15, 2023 at 05:30 PM

JG

“ *Jerome & Joni Gunn lit a candle in memory of Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr.*



Jerome & Joni Gunn - September 15, 2023 at 11:56 AM

CJ

“ *My prayers and condolences to the family and friends, during this devastating loss of your precious love one. My God keep you now and in the days ahead.*



cairen Brown Jones - September 14, 2023 at 09:15 PM

PR

“ *Pastor Derrick & Tish Rouse purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr..*



Pastor Derrick & Tish Rouse - September 14, 2023 at 07:18 PM

EM

“ *You will be missed Uncle Bug I love you!*



Erica M - September 14, 2023 at 03:52 PM

JH

“ James H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr..

James H. - September 14, 2023 at 12:33 PM

JH

“ James H. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr..



James H. - September 14, 2023 at 12:33 PM

NN

“ Theodis was a kind and gentle soul. We were instant friends when we met in junior high and he remained a wonderful friend through the years. I wish I could've seen him one more time to say goodbye. Rest in Peace my amazing friend, I know you will be missed :(

Nancy Nolle - September 11, 2023 at 02:11 PM

CW

“ Sending our Condolence, Prayers and Love, to the family, Deacon and Mother Wesley.



Clarence and Linda Wesley - September 10, 2023 at 06:37 PM

MS

“ *Minnie Long Scott lit a candle in memory of Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr.*



Minnie Long Scott - September 10, 2023 at 04:50 PM

SL

“ *Sadie Lowman lit a candle in memory of Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr.*



Sadie Lowman - September 10, 2023 at 04:37 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr.*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - September 08, 2023 at 03:58 PM

MS

“ *Minnie Long Scott lit a candle in memory of Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr.*



Minnie Long Scott - September 08, 2023 at 03:57 PM

SW

“ Sorry, for your loss



Sharon Williams - September 07, 2023 at 08:29 PM

TB

“ My sincere condolences to the family during your loss, you all will be in my prayers.



Tangela Bellamy-Brown - September 07, 2023 at 11:02 AM

GH

“ Gary & Tabitha Howard lit a candle in memory of Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr.



Gary & Tabitha Howard - September 07, 2023 at 05:24 AM

MK

“ Mamie Long Kelly sent a virtual gift in memory of Theodis Cleveland McMiller, Jr.



Mamie Long Kelly - September 06, 2023 at 10:30 PM

TD

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Theodis Cleveland  
McMiller, Jr*



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**Terric Durden** - September 06, 2023 at 07:43 PM