



## Mrs. Zelpha Miller

May 16, 1936 - February 15, 2026

Funeral services for Zelpha Ray Huffman Miller will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2:00 PM, at Hawthorn Funeral Home, Carthage, Texas, with Phil Jimerson officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the funeral service at 1:00 PM. Interment will be at Macedonia Cemetery, Carthage.

Zelpha departed from this life on February 15, 2026 in Carthage. She was born in Walters, Louisiana on May 16, 1936, the only daughter of Carter C. and Tullie Ganey Huffman. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. Zelpha was baptized at age 12 in her home church, Prosperity Baptist in Walters. She was serving as the pianist there when she met and married her husband of 60 years, Everett, the newly called pastor. She was a homemaker and a devoted pastor's wife.

When Zelpha was just two years old, her mother passed away unexpectedly, leaving her father, Carter, to raise four young children. With the steady love of her grandparents, Len and Vinnie Huffman, the family found strength in those early, difficult days. Growing up quickly, Zelpha learned responsibility at a tender age—by four she was making biscuits for her dad and brothers, and after school she hurried home to cook and help keep the household running while her father worked long hours in the field. Those years shaped in her a quiet strength, deep faith, and servant's heart.

Zelpha met Everett at church, and within months they were married, building their life firmly on their love for God. She faithfully served beside him throughout his pastoral ministry, playing the piano at church, managing their home with wisdom and care, raising their boys, and encouraging Everett in every season, especially as a bi-vocational pastor. Together they were true partners in ministry and in life until Everett's passing in 2012.

Zelpha's greatest delight was found in her family. She loved watching her sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in everything they did — especially their sports. "Maw Maw" was their biggest fan, and in her eyes, they could do no wrong. She filled her days with the things she loved: tending to her flower gardens, cooking with heart and skill, and reading her treasured Bible. Her home-baked pies and sour cream pound cake brought comfort to countless souls who were hurting or grieving.

Zelpha was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Everett Miller, her parents, stepmother Janie Huffman, brothers, Charles, Aulcey, W. L. (Dub), Buddie, and Kenny

Huffman.

Those left to cherish her memory include her brother, Donnie Huffman, sister, Nita Boddie; sons, Randy Miller (and wife Debbie), and Reggie Miller (and wife Dana); grandchildren, Luke (Lara Kate) Miller, Emily (Ben) Dial, Nolan (Alissa) Miller; and seven great grandchildren, Landon, Lincoln, Emerson, Abigail, Sawyer, Griffin and Natalie.

Pallbearers will be Luke Miller, Landon Miller, Nolan Miller, Ben Dial, Ricky Huffman and Will Huffman.

The family would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to the staff of Marian Place Assisted Living in Carthage for their attentiveness and loving care for Zelpha.

The family requests memorials in honor of Zelpha to Macedonia Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1113, Carthage, Texas 75633.

An online guestbook may be signed at: [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Macedonia Cemetery

1908 US Hwy 79 S  
Carthage, TX 75633

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 693-3816  
info@hawthornfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

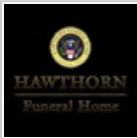
# Tribute Wall



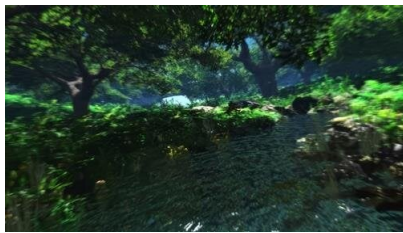
“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Zelpha Miller



Hawthorn Funeral Home - February 18 at 11:41 AM



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Zelpha Miller



Hawthorn Funeral Home - February 17 at 03:38 PM

DL

*Very Beautiful!!*

DENISE LANGFORD - February 27 at 01:11 PM

DL

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Mrs Miller will be missed by all.  
Sending prayer's for the family.  
May God Bless  
Denise Langford*

DENISE LANGFORD - February 27 at 12:44 PM

DB

“ *One of the sweetest ladies I have known. We will miss her greatly.  
Donald and Margaret Bates*

Donald Bates - February 18 at 05:21 PM

RK

“ *Zelpha was the epitome of love and graciousness, beautiful inside and out. Such a wonderful friend to my mother since childhood. I was especially drawn to her sweet kindness and hospitality, as most people would agree. I hope for others to encounter more Zelpha's in this world so they can experience the blessings of such a wonderful servant of God.*

Renae Kelly - February 18 at 12:32 PM

EF

“ *Enenezer Methodist Church Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Zelpha Miller.*



Enenezer Methodist Church Family - February 17 at 11:50 PM

SH

“ *I met Mrs. Miller many years ago as a young girl working in a drug store downtown. Several years later she informed me of our family connection by marriage via a Louisiana cousin who happened to be my mother-in-law ! We would see each in a grocery store from time to time and enjoy a quick conversation. It was always a pleasure running into her because she was like a ray of sunshine, always smiling and so sweet. She simply glowed . My deepest condolences to the family.*

Shelia McDaniel Heard - February 17 at 09:36 PM

CH

“ *Keeping your family in our prayers.*  
*Tim and Carolyn Harrigan*

Carolyn Harrigan - February 17 at 05:50 PM

VG

“ *I remember Bro. miller and Zelpha when they at New Hebron Baptist Church. If they had something special to do. I would keep Randy and Reggie for them. They were great Christians and I loved spending time with they. Praying for the family and friends of Zelpha. She will be missed greatly.*

vicki Martin Guilliams - February 17 at 04:08 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



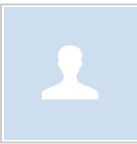
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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Zelpha Miller.



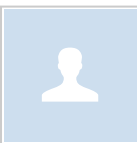
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“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Zelpha Miller.



February 17 at 11:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Zelpha Miller.

February 17 at 11:57 AM



“ Sid and Jody Sparkman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Zelpha Miller.



Sid and Jody Sparkman - February 17 at 11:51 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Zelpha Miller.



February 17 at 11:17 AM

BE

“ We're sending our prayers and love to the Miller families. This special lady brightened everyone's day when she walked into a room, and she never knew it. She was always wearing a smile, and spoke with a heart full of love and kindness. She was quite the lady!!! God be with you all.

Becky Eubank - February 17 at 11:04 AM

SG

“ Sorry to learn of the passing of Ms. Miller. Praying for her family (Reggie, Dana, Luke, Emily, Ben, etc.). May God give you comfort and peace.

Steve Garrett - February 16 at 08:34 PM

MG

“ I loved Ms Zelpha, she was the sweetest kindest lady ever. I loved listening to her stories. She will be missed terribly

Margie Gross - February 16 at 08:30 PM

KF

“ Krista Kilgore Furtick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelpha Miller



Krista Kilgore Furtick - February 16 at 08:20 PM