



## Mrs. Mildred Anna Randall Whyche

January 3, 1927 - May 23, 2014

Mildred was born on January 3, 1927 at the Alexandria Hospital in Alexandria, VA to the late Florence "Flossie" Berkley and George Hamilton Randall. She departed this life peacefully on Friday May 23, 2014 at Bradford Oaks Center in Clinton, MD, 5 months after celebrating her 87th birthday.

Her mother died when she was two and she and her siblings were raised by their father, an electrical lineman, and paternal grandmother, who was born into slavery. Mildred was baptized at the Bethlehem Baptist Church and grew up in Alexandria. She earned her High School Diploma from the Manassas Industrial High School at 17 years of age. Out of high school she worked briefly for the federal government in Washington, DC and dreamed of becoming a nurse.

Instead, she relocated to Philadelphia, PA in 1946 to care for a relative. There, she met and married William B. Whyche from May 1947 through September 1982. Mildred and William brought two delightful daughters into world; Oren Elaine and Stephanie Linnea. A loving and caring mother, "Millie" was deeply involved in her children's activities. She proudly attended all of Oren's school orchestra concerts and served as a volunteer mother on Oren's memorable 6th grade class trip to NYC. She made cakes and cookies for Stephanie's bake sales and ensured that her majorette uniforms were always pristine! Millie's Philadelphia work life began in the furniture business office of John Wanamaker's flagship center city department store. Later she served as The Philadelphia Children's Hospital receptionist and then moved to the

Philadelphia Office of Tax Revenue as an administrative audit clerk. She retired in 1988 after 20 years of service with the city and went to Wilmington, DE in 1990. Millie moved in with her daughter Stephanie in 1995 and lived with her in Blue Bell, PA (2000) and Alexandria, VA (2001-2003) before settling in Fort Washington, MD in 2004.

Millie enjoyed painting watercolors, watching golf and tennis, listening to music and spending time with family and friends. She particularly loved listening to Andre Bocelli (his 2007 recording, Because We Believe, was playing to her when she passed). Adventurous by nature, the lion was her symbol. Millie took numerous trips within the U.S, visiting NY, OH, GA, and CA. She was also a world traveler, exploring Jamaica, Germany, and France and making multiple excursions to Africa (Côte d'Ivoire, Niger and Burkina Faso). The highlight of Millie's adventures was a 1989 Saharan desert safari with Oren, Stephanie and friends.

In 2009, Millie was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and in 2011 she became a Paraplegic following spinal surgery. She was then admitted into the Genesis HealthCare™ Bradford Oaks Center in Clinton, MD where she was much loved and admired and became a vibrant member of the Center community. OPTUM Palliative & Hospice Care also provided loving and expert support.

Millie lived her life without regret. She leaves to celebrate her memory two daughters; Oren Whyche-Shaw (Crownsville, MD) and Stephanie Whyche (Fort Washington, MD), one sister; Marian Louise Randall Ferguson (Washington, DC), one son-in-law; William Shaw (Crownsville, MD), one grandchild; Lindsay Shaw (Janson Turner) (Hesperia, CA), great-grandchildren; Ella and Evan, and a host of nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister Margaret, and her brothers George, Woodrow and Irving Randall.

Millie will be remembered and loved by family, friends and all who knew her. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Millie help to improve the future for the millions of people suffering with Alzheimer's

Disease and their families by making a donation to our Longest Day campaign ([http://act.alz.org/goto/Millies\\_Longest\\_Day](http://act.alz.org/goto/Millies_Longest_Day)).

# Cemetery Details

## Snowden Cemetery

Collingwood RD  
Alexandria, VA

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**MAY 31.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette-Johnson Funeral Service, P.A.  
Operating Facility: (Henry-William Funeral Home)  
10684 Southern Maryland Blvd.  
Dunkirk, MD 20754  
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## funeral service

**MAY 31.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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