



Bessie Lee Myles

November 23, 1939 - October 19, 2025

Bessie Lee Myles was born on November 19, 1939, in Carthage, Arkansas, to the late Frank Walker and Jimmie Smith. From her earliest days, Bessie's life was marked by love, faith, and compassion. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age, setting the foundation for a lifetime of kindness and grace.

In 1962, Bessie made Las Vegas, Nevada her home, where she raised her children and created a life filled with laughter, perseverance, and joy. She worked many years as a fry cook, a job she performed with pride and dedication until her retirement in 2001. Known for her delicious cooking and generous heart, Bessie had a gift for bringing people together and making everyone feel special.

After retiring, she began a new chapter—traveling, enjoying life, and cherishing every moment with her beloved family. She never met a stranger, saw the good in everyone, and shared her warm smile wherever she went. Her laughter and gentle spirit brightened every room she entered.

Bessie's faith remained her guiding light throughout her life. She lived by the principles of love, forgiveness, and humility, touching countless lives with her sincere

heart and unwavering belief in God.

Bessie Lee Myles leaves behind a lasting legacy of love and strength. She is survived

by her devoted children:

Sons: Sylvester Smith Jr. and William Norris Smith

Daughters: Paula Brooks, Cresha Brooks, Miki Harrell, Niki (Rodney) Thomas, and

Shirley Funchess

She is also survived by her loving sisters, Susan Parks and Deborah Brown; brothers, Wendell Parks and Tracy Parks; and a very special cousin, Clifford Smith.

She will also be lovingly remembered by a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by three beloved children: Carl Edward Smith, Juanita

Brooks, and Antoinette Crockett.

Psalm 23

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for

thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my

head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in

the house of the Lord for ever.

“Her life was a blessing,
Her memory a treasure,
She is loved beyond words
And missed beyond measure.”

Cemetery Details

Palm Downtown Cemetery

1325 N Main St.
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Previous Events

Wake ~ Celebration of Life

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Great Commission ID Church
3329 N. Coleman St
North Las Vegas, NV 89032

Interment

NOV 7. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

Palm Downtown Cemetery
1325 N Main St.
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Linda Abrams- Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bessie Lee Myles.

Linda Abrams- Brown - November 07, 2025 at 10:55 AM

LB

“ Linda Abrams- Brown purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bessie Lee Myles.



Linda Abrams- Brown - November 07, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bessie Lee Myles.



November 06, 2025 at 02:12 PM

FT

“ Fatima Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bessie Lee Myles.

Fatima Taylor - November 06, 2025 at 02:12 PM

QW

“ Quintus Wells and Andrea Wells-Denegin purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bessie Lee Myles.



Quintus Wells and Andrea Wells-Denegin - November 06, 2025 at 01:11 PM

LE

“ Lee/Michelle Ewell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bessie Lee Myles.

Lee/Michelle Ewell - November 06, 2025 at 08:06 AM

LE

“ Lee/Michelle Ewell purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bessie Lee Myles.



Lee/Michelle Ewell - November 06, 2025 at 08:06 AM

WF

“ Will Smith and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bessie Lee Myles.

Will Smith and Family - November 05, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bessie Lee Myles.*



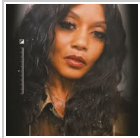
November 05, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *Shannon Greenfield & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bessie Lee Myles.*



Shannon Greenfield & Family - November 04, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mik'i Brooks - November 04, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ *Shirley Anderson purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Bessie Lee Myles.*



Shirley Anderson - November 04, 2025 at 12:14 PM

DF

“ Dawn Barnes and family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Bessie Lee Myles.



Dawn Barnes and family - November 03, 2025 at 06:56 PM

SF

“ Slyvester Smith, SR's Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Bessie Lee Myles.



Slyvester Smith, SR's Family - November 03, 2025 at 06:19 PM

SF

“ Slyvester Smith, SR's Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bessie Lee Myles.

Slyvester Smith, SR's Family - November 03, 2025 at 06:19 PM

JM

“ Jerome & April Milton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bessie Lee Myles.

Jerome & April Milton - November 03, 2025 at 11:09 AM

JM

“ Jerome & April Milton purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bessie Lee Myles.



Jerome & April Milton - November 03, 2025 at 11:09 AM

CT

“ Crysalin Taylor purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bessie Lee Myles.



Crysalin Taylor - November 01, 2025 at 11:25 AM

ZA

“ I would call to see how you were feeling, and you would call to see how my day was, and we would both say, “Better now that I’ve heard your voice.”

I would say “I love you,” and you would say “I love you more,” and we’d race to see who could say “triple, triple, triple” first.

You’re the only person who could get me to willingly cook pork steaks and homemade biscuits and actually enjoy the process, because it was for you.

I didn’t need a sibling growing up. I was never alone, because I had a friend in you. And now, you’re forever my best friend.

I can’t look at a pot of coffee anymore.

I can’t put myself in bed without thinking of covering you up with five blankets and a kiss goodnight.

All the times you let me stay home from school when my nose would bleed, and we’d go to Red Lobster instead.

All the times you encouraged me before I went back to Florida. It was always so hard to look at you before I left for the airport, because I knew I would cry after saying goodbye.

But this is the hardest goodbye.

I hope to be like you one day. I dedicated the song “Greatest Love of All” to you on your 70th birthday, and that’s exactly what you are and will always be to me.

You were a light. You cheered me on. You sat on the phone while I cried to you. You taught me so much, right up until the very end.

I don’t know what I’m going to do without you. I never saw my life without you. I’ll take you everywhere with me.

I miss you. I love you.

Till we meet again.



Zahra - October 31, 2025 at 10:26 AM



Bessie is now with my Kim who lovingly called her "Mama Bessie". She had Kim so spoiled. Now they are back together forever. Fly high Angels. Ur NOLa family Tutnan

Gloria Williams - November 03, 2025 at 10:10 AM

ZM

“ My sweet granny girl. I think about you all day every day. I still can't believe your soul is with the Lord now.. Thank you for everything.. I wish we could cook together and take another “trip to the car wash”. I love you so much.. May your soul rest in peace ☐



Zzhane M - October 30, 2025 at 01:40 PM

MH

“ There are no words to express my love for you... I still feel your presence, you spirit has been comforting for me. The final days of your living presence has been unique and very different from others. You have BLESSED me with your love, kindness, honesty and respect in this lifetime. The holidays and your birthday is so close and this is going to be very difficult and different for me...you have always been there. I love you beyond words and everything else. I am number 8 of your 9.



Miki Harrell - October 30, 2025 at 11:36 AM

NT

“ Momma. I could never put into words what you mean to me. I love you and you will never be forgotten. You taught me how to be a great mother with your love, strength and faith! Rest in Peace sweet angel.



Niki Thomas - October 30, 2025 at 12:44 AM

CG

Mrs. Bessie, You will FOREVER live in my heart. I will deeply miss your kindness and you were quite funny too. R.I.H. You are deeply missed. Rest well. ☐☐☐ 🙏🙏

Carolyn Gray - October 30, 2025 at 12:28 PM