



## Mary Miller Colon

March 8, 1970 - January 14, 2020

Mary Miller Colon passed away unexpectedly and peacefully of natural causes on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. She was the most precious daughter of Jeraldine Cannizzaro Miller and the late David Earl Miller and step daughter of David E. May, Sr. She was the devoted mother of Samantha Colon Sherman (Brian), and Jessica, Joshua and Cristina Colon. She was the spoiling grandmother of Colton Sherman, Otto and Ava Stanchak, Jaylen Weathersby and Quave Allen. Beloved sister of Suzanne Miller Olsen (Maurice), Jeri Martha Miller and Jennifer Miller Daigle (Kevin). She was the doting aunt of David and Christopher Bonnette, Dorian Hodges, Dylan Cleto and Maggie Daigle. Great aunt of Tamara Bonnette.

Mary was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Nicole and her grandparents, Joseph and Anna Cannizzaro and Ora and Frankie Miller. Mary attended Bonnabel High School where she excelled in music and held highest position for 2 years. She also won highest honors in numerous competitions. She graduated from Bonnabel High School with honors in English and in Physics. Mary and her family lived in Chicago, IL, Norfolk, VA and in Miami, FL until returning home to Louisiana in 2000. She graduated from the New Orleans Police Academy in 2001 and shortly thereafter was involved in a police shooting where her partner Chris Russell was killed. She was also seriously injured in a hit and run automobile accident while preparing her police vehicle for Hurricane Katrina. She spent a week in the flooded Tulane Hospital and was rescued by boat and brought to the staging area in

Metairie and ultimately transferred to the hospital in Lafayette, LA for surgery. She continued her service with the N.O.P.D., where she received commendations for saving a child's life and for her support of rape victims. Mary was a strong, loving and determined woman with a big heart. She often carried food and water in her vehicle, which she gave to the homeless people in her 5th District. She regularly brought clothes and other necessities to the Covenant House and the Battered Women's Shelter. She had a special place in her heart for the residents of the 9th Ward. She loved her work and was a dedicated police officer. But Mary loved her family much more, always taking them places, cooking for them and taking care of her children and grandchildren. She loved holiday gatherings, crawfish boils, playing cards and games with family. She was counting the days to retirement, when she could spend more time traveling with them. She loved going with them on trips and was always planning for the next adventure. She enjoyed going to the zoo, the aquarium and numerous sporting events with her children and her grandchildren.

Mary's death leaves a huge hole in our hearts that can never be filled.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a Funeral Service at 12:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Mary's name to the Covenant House, 611 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, 70112 or Ozanam Inn, 843 Camp Street, New Orleans 70130.

To share memories or condolences, please visit [www.muhleisen.com](http://www.muhleisen.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home  
2607 Williams Boulevard  
Kenner, LA 70062

## Service

JAN 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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2607 Williams Boulevard  
Kenner, LA 70062

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Miller Colon*

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October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM

LW

“ Mary I watched you grow up and many of nights heard you and your Daddy in the shop cutting wood and I always knew that you were one of a kind you had Agape Love and blessed everyone you met. When you set your mind to do anything you did it so humbled you were born an achiever from a quiet young girl into the most amazing woman. We were not only neighbors and friends we were also sisters and my heart is so heavy for Sam Jessica Josh and Chrissy and your precious grandchildren. I pray for peace and blessings over your entire family. You went ahead of all of us but I know that when one by one of us gets to Heaven's Gates you will be there waiting for us. When you see our Daddy's give them a hug and let them know that we all love and miss them. We all use to be a tight neighborhood family I was so blessed to have you in my life and I will never forget you calling me in the middle of the night when I was living in Tennessee and make me laugh so hard and the tears we shared from the death of your amazing Daddy Mr. Earl to the night you were with your training officer Chris who you never got over being killed right before your eyes we talked about it every time you called and all of pain we were going through you always helped me through so much I will forever be grateful for you and your love for your beautiful handsome children always was brought up in our conversations . The obituary was everything you were about and more. God will provide the strength to carry your loving family through this again " you went ahead of all of us you did not leave us, you have left so many memories that you will never be forgotten" Claude Brandon and I will stay in prayers for all who knew and love you. May our Lord and Savior grant peace for your entire family you have been healed there will be no more suffering nor pain for you. Mary you were not only a daughter sister aunt cousin and friend you are a GORGEOUS PRECIOUS CHILD OF THE LIVING GOD until we meet again Shalom my sister.

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Linda Brown Ward - February 23, 2020 at 12:31 PM

JM

“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jeri Miller** - January 26, 2020 at 12:59 PM

JM

*Mary's Life*

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**Jeri Miller** - January 26, 2020 at 01:01 PM

JM

*Mary Miller -Colon' - How do you sum up 40+ years of memories? You were such a character! You had 2 great loves in your life - the love of your family and the love of your career as an NOPD officer (20 years). Somehow, you were able to balance everything. And during the most hardest times of your life, you overcame those obstacles - determined to do more for others And to live life to the fullest - enjoying every moment with your family and friends.*

*You treated /Spoiled ALL the children in your life -as if they were your own - whether it was your children, grandchildren, niece, nephews or friends -you spoiled them!! You didn't call your grandchild -you called them your Angels. We enjoyed many wonderful years of celebrations, holidays, vacations, or just "hanging out" together.*

*I miss my sister - but most of all - My Best Friend. We shared in the love of Nicholas Sparks books/movies and anything with zombies (The Walking Dead-Zombieland). I would give anything to hear your voice - telling me how I am cooking something wrong or how your lasagna tastes better than mine. \*She believed being 16 months older than me - she knew more than me!?! \*. You calling my puppy "Shi\*head- instead of his name- Casper.*

*And of course her famous words-"Well, What happen was" or "Negative".*

*I miss seeing your smile or the "goofy smirk" you would make. I miss your hugs and all the crazy jokes we shared - playing cards (even though Mom cheats). I miss you calling me and asking "Hey can I come by and hang out with you today?" Which meant: can I come by and play our video games (Left for Dead and Nazi Zombies/Call of Duty) and talk about the ups and downs in our lives. Of course, you ALWAYS blamed me for your player going down (multiple times) and you would say -"Martha you su\*k" at this game. We enjoyed each other's company, the stories we would share and our wishes for the future (Our kids growing up and us retiring together-like the Golden Girls).*

*I miss you my friend. Not a moment goes by that I don't think of you and how much you meant to me and our family. My heart continues to ache with the loss of you.*

*I love you always Mary- Your 16 month twin - Martha, Dorian, Thao & Dylan*

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**Jeri Miller** - January 26, 2020 at 02:05 PM

JD

*Beautifully written Martha! Still hard to believe. It will takes us a very long time to understand and accept her passing.*

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**Jennifer Daigle** - January 26, 2020 at 02:32 PM

DT

*“ I truly believe that our loving Lord sends special angels into our lives for His special reasons. Maybe one day we will know what those reasons are. In the meantime, we can cherish and honor the memories of the two special angels in our lives, Mary Miller Colon and Chris Wayne Russell – partners again forever. Chris was once asked to transfer to the NOPD 4th District – he refused. His reason? – “the 5th District is my family.” Doesn’t that sound exactly like Mary? To honor them, we can continue to live our lives as we know they would want us to do – live, laugh, love one another. Thank God for the Mary’s and Chris’s of this world!! Can’t wait to see them both again one day.*

*Dottie Tardy, Chris's Mom*

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**Dottie Tardy** - January 24, 2020 at 04:47 PM

JM

*Mrs. Tardy*

*Thank you so much for sharing your thoughts and prayers for our family and attending her services. I'm sorry I did not get to meet with you - it was a pretty hectic day. But please know, In all the years since that horrific day, Mary never forgot about Chris. She would speak of him often and continued to replay her actions, thoughts and feelings of that night many times.*

*And yes, they both loved the job they did- being an officer in the 5th district. I am thankful that like Chris, she touched so many lives and showed her compassion and kindness to everyone she met. She was a remarkable person and loved by many.*

*My family appreciates all of your family's kindness and condolences. You are all in our prayers.*

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**Jeri Miller** - January 26, 2020 at 02:20 PM

TA

“ *Mary,  
Rest well my friend!!! No more pain and  
suffering. I know you will still be my backup  
on calls and watch over me because you  
were an angel while here and you are  
definitely one with your wings. I love you and miss you. Until we see  
each other again.....*



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**Tamara** - January 20, 2020 at 03:16 AM

CR

“ *This is such a devastation to me. You were the first officer on the  
scene after my sexual assault. The way you helped me stay calm  
the way you went beyond to make sure my family was okay after  
the incident definitely is what made me appreciate the  
communication we had so often. I can say we Took a tragic loss on  
earth but heaven needed you more. I am praying for the family  
during this time. You definitely set the bar of what many have to  
follow .....*

*Chynna Robinson*

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**chynna robinson** - January 18, 2020 at 08:50 AM

DS

“ *RIP my Queen, You will be truly missed.  
Luv,QueenD*

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**Donna St.Cyr** - January 17, 2020 at 11:45 PM

SH

“ Praying for Strength for the family. 🙏🙏🙏

Mary,  
I know you'll be watching over them ( Family/  
Friends) like Always cause you're such a  
LOVING and Caring Mom/ Grandma / Friend

I'm going to miss you 😭😭😭

You've Definitely EARNED YOUR WINGS

REST EASY SWEET FRIEND / NANNY



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Shantaly - January 17, 2020 at 11:26 PM

SH

“ We use to talk for hours about a lot of  
different things. You help me understand what  
it means to protect and serve. You would be  
working on your detail ( SPCA) & I would  
sneak and watch movies with you. And when  
I was pregnant you would ask me " What the baby want today" You  
spoiled Us just like your own. Mary, You LOVED HARD AND  
YOU'RE GOING TO BE DEEPLY MISSED. You LOVED YOUR  
KIDS AND GRANDKIDS, TRULY YOU CARED FOR EVERYONE  
YOU CAME IN CONTACT WITH. THANKS FOR WELCOMING  
TI'LYN & MYSELF INTO YOUR HEART & LIFE AND FOR TAKING  
GREAT CARE OF US. THE LAUGHS & MEMORIES WE SHARED  
I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH. WE GOING TO MISS YOU.  
REST IN HEAVEN SWEET LOVING MARY



LOVE ALWAYS  
SHANTALYN & TI'LYN WOODSON



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Shantaly - January 17, 2020 at 11:16 PM

WW

“ *An amazing person which my words cant describe. You will be missed, I will always treasure our adventures together.*

Willie Williams - January 17, 2020 at 09:42 PM

YG

“ *Miss your smile, laughter, positivity and big heart. Rest In Peace my dear friend. Praying for your children, grandchildren, family, NOPD family and friends.* 🙏❤️💙🖤



Yvette Gulino - January 17, 2020 at 03:56 PM

CD

“ *Rest well Mary!!!!*



carolyn D. - January 17, 2020 at 03:38 PM

TS

*Sweet Mary is how I will always refer to you because you are. I will always cherish our long talks about life and the kids. Mary you always had me laughing when we would work together. I will truly miss you my Sister in Blue. Get your rest Sweet Mary because your job here was well done. Love yah 🥹🥹*

*P.T.S. Supervisor Tarez Smith(N.O.P.D. Crime Lab)*

Tarez smith - January 17, 2020 at 04:11 PM

MA

“ My Girl Mary! I miss every single moment in the 5th district with you! You will always be the epitome of a great officer and wonderful friend! Thank you so much for being you and being part of my life at work and outside of the job! I'll miss your pop in visits to see me! I promise to always check in on your amazing children and beautiful grandchildren as I know they were always your first priority and your everything! Thank you for sharing them with me too! Rest well sweet friend until we meet again! 💙 🖤

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**Marcia** - January 17, 2020 at 01:26 PM

CS

“ Yes! Definitely a brave and strong woman!! An inspiration. May she be able to continue her duty of watching over everyone ❤️

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**Courtney Smith** - January 17, 2020 at 12:50 PM

AM

“ Mary,, I believe you have found where over yonder may be !! Love you bunches !!! RIP!!! Prayers for our family

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**Aunt Elaine Miller** - January 17, 2020 at 12:08 PM

BD

“ Brian Daigle lit a candle in memory of Mary Miller Colon



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**Brian Daigle** - January 17, 2020 at 01:19 AM

BD

“ RIP Mary , may God Bless and keep you . Thoughts and prayers to the family and friends who loved her.

Brian Daigle - January 17, 2020 at 01:18 AM

JD

“ Love and miss you already sis!! Can't believe you're not with us here on earth. You will always be in my heart! Give daddy hugs for me! ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Jennifer Daigle - January 16, 2020 at 11:12 PM

SF

Do sorry Jennifer! Prayers for peace and comfort ❤️

Shondell Fernandez - January 17, 2020 at 07:44 PM



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L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - January 16, 2020 at 01:14 PM