



## John Covington Miles, Jr.

October 2, 1940 - March 10, 2026

Rev. John Covington Miles, beloved minister, devoted husband, cherished father, and grandfather, went to be with the Lord on March 10, 2026, at the age of 85. Born on October 2, 1940, in Lake City, SC, he was the son of the late John C. Miles, Sr. and Hannah Lynch Miles. John's life was a testament to resilience and faith, shaped by his early years as one of seven siblings following the loss of his father at a young age. From paper routes to farming tobacco, he learned the value of hard work and responsibility, becoming the man of the household in his formative years.

In 1958, John proudly served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Korea, where he not only experienced the rigors of military life but also formed lasting friendships, playing catcher on the softball team. His journey of faith began upon his return home, when he found salvation at a Friday night revival in January 1963 and delivered his first sermon that fall. Two weeks after meeting Judy Whitaker at church, he knew she was his forever love, and they married on December 18, 1964. Together, they passionately served congregations across North Carolina for over 40 years, touching countless lives with their loving ministry.

John's calling extended beyond the pulpit; he spent 16 years at Cavin-Cook

Funeral Home in Mooresville, offering compassion and support as both a funeral assistant and in-house clergy. Throughout his 62 years of preaching, he remained a beacon of hope and strength to all who knew him.

John is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 54 years, Judy, as well as his brother Billy and sister Betty Faye. He is survived by his daughter, Benita L. Garris (Tim), of Shelby; granddaughter, Hannah E. Bodman (Chris) of Locust, NC; siblings Mary James of Lake City, Shirley Browder of Myrtle Beach, Russell Miles (Sylvia) of Lake City, and Wanda Deans (Ken) of Florence; special sisters-in-law, Nedra Newton, Myra Riffle and Pat Fox and a number of extended family members.

The family will welcome friends for a time of fellowship and remembrance from 11 - 1 PM prior to the service at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home.

In remembrance of a life devoted to service and love, funeral services for Rev. Miles will be held at 1 PM Friday, March 13, 2026, at the Heritage House at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville. Following the service, John will be laid to rest at Iredell Memorial Park in Statesville.

For those unable to attend the service please use the following link to view the service: <https://together.oneroomstreaming.com/6VQ5H3>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity that reflects John's enduring commitment to helping others the Church of God Children's Home, 3485 Weatherby Circle, Concord, NC 28027. The family invites all who knew him to celebrate his remarkable life, and condolences

may be shared at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com). Rev. Miles will be remembered as a man of faith, a loving family man, and a steadfast servant of God, whose legacy will continue to inspire all who follow in his footsteps.

# Cemetery Details

## Iredell Memorial Park

2304 Shelton Ave  
Statesville, NC 28677

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Funeral Service

MAR 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory  
494 East Plaza Drive  
Hwy 150  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Graveside Service

MAR 13. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Iredell Memorial Park  
2304 Shelton Ave  
Statesville, NC 28677



# Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of John Covington Miles, Jr.*



**Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory** - March 12 at 04:22 PM

SU

“ *I'm so grateful to have met John, a God fearing man that had so much compassion for others in their time of need. His love of God and his love of doing Gods work was a priority in his life. He served others through patience and kindness to each family. I was blessed to work with him for many years at Cavin Cook Funeral Home and he was always faithful in his love for others who needed the words of comfort and a genuine gentleman that knew how to comfort others. John, may you rest well, you were truly a humble and faithful servant... You will be missed.*



**Susan** - March 11 at 10:24 PM

RR

“ *Robert Rebholz purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John Covington Miles, Jr..*



**Robert Rebholz** - March 11 at 04:23 PM

YF

“ *Your Terminix Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Covington Miles, Jr..*



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**Your Terminix Family** - March 11 at 10:53 AM

DT

“ *Donna Troutman lit a candle in memory of John Covington Miles, Jr.*



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**Donna Troutman** - March 11 at 10:24 AM

JJ

“ *Rev John Miles was the epitome of a Pastor that loved his parishioners. He was always there when you needed advice or support. He was my 1st Pastor in a full gospel church, mentor in learning the Word of God, my friend, a wise man and a good man. He always made you feel comfortable when talking about your problems or anything going on and would always say " I'll pray about it or I've been praying for you." He was one of the best men I've ever met in life and will be missed dearly.* 🥹🙏🏻✝️❤️

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**James D. Jimison** - March 11 at 12:01 AM

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“ *John was a special person your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. John was a special person. I got to know him when I delivered flowers there a lot.*

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**Kenny Rimmer** - March 10 at 09:43 PM

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“ *Pastor Michael Thompson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Covington Miles, Jr..*



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**Pastor Michael Thompson** - March 10 at 08:54 PM

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“ *Prayers for God’s peace, comfort, and strength for the family and friends.*



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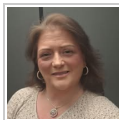
**Kim Earwood** - March 10 at 06:48 PM

BD

*May God grant comfort to the family at this trying time. Dear friend of mine. Barbara D Britt*

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**Barbara DBritt** - March 10 at 07:23 PM



*I met pastor miles at mooresville church of God. He become my preacher for several years. Then years later he worked for the funeral home . I'll remember him knowing he was a great man of God. Rip. John Dana g*

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**Dana T Gullede** - March 10 at 07:31 PM