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***Note:** Please keep us informed of any mailing address or email changes in addition to sending us the names and addresses of family members who may not be on our distribution list. This newsletter is the voice of the family, so submit anything you would like to see in our future issues, such as wedding/birth announcements, job promotions, school graduations, articles of interest, etc., to: Carol Trought, 89-01 178<sup>th</sup> Street, Hollis, NY 11432 or by email: ctrought@nyc.rr.com.*

**Welcome** to the second edition of the Miller Family Reunion Newsletter!

### 2003 REUNION IN NEW JERSEY

The next Miller Family Reunion will be held at the home of Lisa and Gerry Ascolese, 25 Desai Court, Freehold, New Jersey 07728 on Saturday, July 26, 2003 ("Pool Party"). Lunch (approx. \$15) will be served – complete details to follow. We plan to overnight at a hotel in the area, possibly the Freehold Gardens Hotel (\$100 non-group rate) and have brunch (\$20) on Sunday, July 27, 2003.

We are ordering reunion golf shirts (\$16-\$19 adults, \$13 youths), see enclosed order form. Please indicate quantity in each size and total number at bottom. Checks payable to "Miller Family Reunion" (post-dated checks accepted).

In order for us to be able to negotiate the hotel room rates, please immediately return the Questionnaire to Sharon Anderson, 1072 Rainbow Drive, Spring Branch, TX 78070 or RSVP by phone (830-980-3607) or email [sharon011955@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon011955@yahoo.com).  
Deadline April 30, 2003.

**Note:** The above quoted amounts are estimates only. When we receive your responses to get a count of who will be attending the reunion, we will be able to advise you of the exact costs at a later mailing.

### 2005 REUNION IN PORTLAND, JAMAICA

We are planning a family reunion in Jamaica for 2005, possibly July 1-3. This timeframe coincides with the "Portland Home Coming" and "Jerk Fest" in Portland. The "Jerk Fest" is usually on the Sunday, and the "Portland Homecoming" lasts all week, ending on the Sunday. So clear off all those credit cards, or start that special Jamaica Savings account in the bank! No excuses because we are giving you plenty of advance notice to plan and save.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### JANUARY

7 Sharon Anderson  
8 Andrea Knight  
9 Pauline Williams  
11 Marc Trought  
20 Carol Wilson  
27 Nicolette Gordon

### FEBRUARY

5 Harriette McGann  
6 Lil McGann  
10 Sandra Dwyer  
15 Marlene (Gem) Gray  
16 Steve Rieber  
16 Maggie Gray  
17 Giana Ascolese  
22 Emma Myers

### MARCH

7 Eddie Dillard  
16 Winsome Stern  
16 Brittany Ascolese  
20 Ariel Brown

### APRIL

2 Freddy Sherwood  
5 Gerry Ascolese  
13 Jordan Knight  
15 Cherisa Haynes  
19 Leslie Gray  
24 Cal Powell  
28 McGann (Ken & Lil) Anniversary

### MAY

16 Mark Myers  
17 Stephanye Knight  
18 Shirley Dwyer  
20 Haynes (Cherisa & Justin) Anniversary  
23 Michelle Parker  
31 Gray (Stanley & Gem) Anniversary

### JUNE

1 Asha Anderson  
4 Rob Anderson  
6 Safiya Robinson  
7 Ascolese (Lisa & Gerry) Anniversary  
14 Gary Trought  
20 Kenneth McGann  
20 Natasha Poyser  
22 Shaheed Poyser  
26 Dawn Frazier  
29 Rieber (Jennifer & Russell) Anniversary  
30 Kimberly West

### Birthday Celebrations

On January 9, 2003, **Pauline Williams** celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!! At a surprise party given by her family and friends, Pauline (as tears streamed down her face) expressed her joy of the occasion with: "It was one of the happiest days of my life. To see my daughter Andrea (who lives in San Antonio) along with my grandson Jordan, nearly brought me to my knees. I feel so blessed to have my family and friends travel from near and far to share this special occasion. Life doesn't get better than that. To me, there is no greater gift, than the gift of family!"



On February 6, 2003, **Leleith McGann** celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!! She was also honored on February 8th, 2003 when her children gave her a surprise party. As she entered the room and saw her guests, she stomped her feet and said: "What are you all doing here". The tears began to flow, followed by lots of hugs and kisses from everyone. This intimate gathering was truly a joyous celebration with family and friends.



### Forthcoming Birth Announcements

Congratulations to our "mothers-to-be":

- Safiya Robinson (nee Poyser) – Due: May 2003 (shhh... it's a girl!!)
- Michelle Parker – Due October 2003



## Tribute to our Elders

### ENA ICYLINE GRAY-ALLEYNE

Known to the majority of her family as Aunt Icy, Ena Icyline Gray-Alleyne was born in San Manuel, Oriente, Cuba, on September 15, 1920. Icy is the eldest of 5 children (3 boys and 2 girls) born to William Malcolm Gray and Annie Jane Miller-Gray, both natives of Jamaica, W.I.

In 1930, when Icy was just 10 years old, her father, William Gray died in a tragic accident in Cuba and her mother Annie returned to Jamaica in 1931 with her 5 children. Icy spent her childhood under the watchful eye of her grandparents, Hamilton and Rebecca Miller (Papa and Mimi), at Resource in Portland and received her primary education at Boston School in Portland, Jamaica. In 1944, Icy immigrated to New York, USA where she first lived with her Aunt Margaret and Uncle Dan Dore. Icy attended night school at George Washington High in Manhattan, where she received her high school diploma.

In 1948, Vernice Brooks (nee Trotter, Helen's eldest sister) met a young man named Henry Alleyne while visiting friends – the Comery's in New Jersey. Henry asked if she knew any other beautiful girls like herself that she could introduce him to. Of course, she had a beautiful friend named Icy, the introduction was arranged at the Comery's and – as they say – the rest is history. Henry and Icy were married on October 28, 1950. Although Henry and Icy had no children of their own, they regarded Sonia Gray and Freddie Sherwood, who lived with them while attending high school, as their own. They are quite proud of them today.

Icy worked in the garment industry in downtown Manhattan as a dress finisher for a designer house until she retired in 1977, at which time Henry and Icy moved to Orlando, Florida where they still reside.

All the cousins were always welcomed at their home where we all attended lots of parties. In addition, they were brother Leslie's mainstay while he attended medical school at Howard University. After our Aunts passed away (the older generation) Icy, being the oldest, is regarded as the matriarch of our family, and she made sure we all kept in touch with the family. Today, even though the cousins are all scattered in several states, we feel close to each other. Icy is now 83 years old and Henry is 85 years old.

Icy, with love, respect and gratitude for all that you have done for your family - we salute you.

*Submitted by Leslie Gray*

Icy & Henry Alleyne  
Family Reunion 2001



