

Mrs Millicent Xako (Hon OA 2007, Staff member at College for 22 years)

Millicent Xako or rather Milli, was a very quiet and reserved lady. She was fiercely loyal as shown by the fact that she was employed at Graham House and St Andrew's College for 22 years.

She always gave of her best and quietly went about her daily chores with pride, knowing that she was making a difference to the lives of the Graham House boys. She never moaned and no job was too small or insignificant for her. In fact she relished what she did and nothing was ever a burden.

She always had that wicked little smile on her face! A smile that exuded contentment, satisfaction, happiness. She certainly was a loyal and committed employee and I together with matron Felicity Elliott thank her for all her efforts.

Near the end of last year, I invited the Graham House work staff to our House supper. Milli was immaculately dressed and so very proud! She smiled the whole night. She was overawed by the occasion and humbled to be a part of the festivities. She did not eat a lot that night as she fought hard to keep her emotions in check. She was honoured to be eating with HER Graham House boys!

Life is very much a team orientated experience. It is also a blend of laughter and tears, a combination of sunshine and rain and we will miss Milli. Her quiet, her very quiet, unassuming presence showed one and all, how much she loved everything connected to and with Graham House.

Milli passed away in 2011 and is survived by her two sons, Chumani and Luyanda. My sincere and heartfelt condolences to both of them.

Luc Hoefnagels
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