



Joan W. Miller

November 20, 1926 - November 6, 2021

Joan Miller passed away from complications of a long illness on November 6, 2021, at the Country Rest Home in Greenwood, DE. Joan was born on November 20, 1926, in Los Angeles, California. She was the daughter of Ernest Smith Woodman and Elizabeth MacInnes Woodman.

Joan graduated from Immaculate Heart High School in Hollywood, California on June 15, 1944. She attended the University of Southern California, where she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, graduating with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1948. She worked for a time at Universal Studios.

Joan moved to Hawaii where she did graduate work and received her teaching certification at the University of Hawaii. She taught at Hanahau'oli School in Honolulu from 1954 to 1956. Joan went to Okinawa in 1956 to teach at the elementary school on Kadena Air Base.

While teaching in Okinawa, she met and fell in love with Major Frank S. Miller, whom she married on April 13, 1957, at the Kadena Air Base chapel. Joan and Frank moved to Dover, DE in 1958 where her three children were all born.

In 1963, Joan and Frank moved to Rockville, Maryland, where she was involved with her children's school activities. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother, a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Rockville where she also taught Sunday School, and she and her husband often played bridge socially. Joan was an accomplished pianist who encouraged her children in their musical endeavors.

Joan loved to entertain, especially during the holidays, and she enjoyed traveling, visiting Hawaii, Canada, Germany, Spain, and Ireland, among other places. She also enjoyed trailer camping with her family. Joan later worked as an editor for GSO (Growth Stock Outlook), a financial newsletter based in Bethesda, Maryland.

Joan and Frank moved to Rehoboth Beach, DE in 2002, where she enjoyed playing bridge with several groups, participating in neighborhood gatherings, and membership and activities with the local Republican Women's Club and P.E.O. Chapter L, a philanthropic and educational organization, in Lewes, Delaware. In 2017, she moved to an apartment at an Asbury senior living community in Solomon's Maryland.

Joan had many friends, neighbors, relatives, and caregivers who loved her and will miss her.

Joan was predeceased by her husband, Frank in 2009. She is survived by her children: Kevin (Cynde) Miller of Palmer, AK, Maureen (Dave Richardson) Miller of Rehoboth Beach, DE, and Alan (Isabelle) Miller of Germany; her grandchildren: Christin Miller, Jessica (Jason) Oliver and Sebastian Miller; and her 8 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 11:00 AM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE. A viewing will be held the day prior, Sunday, November 14, 2021, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Interment will follow the services on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 1:00 PM at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 16669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE, 19966.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic social distancing protocols must be observed and masks must be worn by everyone participating in any aspect of the service.

All who cannot attend in person are invited to join the services via live streaming by visiting the following link: <http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/10226337/LTWebcast>

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Joan's memory to the local P.E.O. Chapter L or P.E.O. International Foundation, <https://donations.peointernational.org/peo-donation-foundation>.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

Previous Events

Floral Delivery

NOV 13. 3:00 PM (EAST)

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel
16961 Kings Highway
Lewes, DE 19958

Viewing

NOV 14. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (EAST)

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel
16961 Kings Highway
Lewes, DE 19958

Funeral Service

NOV 15. 11:00 AM (EAST)

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel
16961 Kings Highway
Lewes, DE 19958

Interment

NOV 15. 1:00 PM (EAST)

Delaware Veterans Cemetery
26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE 19966

Tribute Wall



“ *Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium created a Webcast in memory of Joan W. Miller*



Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium - November 09, 2021 at 09:25 AM

LK

Sending virtually hugs

Laura King - November 15, 2021 at 11:06 AM

CM

*Maureen, what beautiful words!
Alan, Isa's letter was so elegant and heartwarming!
Kevin, thank you for that quote. It gives me hope.
I just wanted to say that I didn't really get the chance to know Joan as much as I always wished I could. But Kevin is right-she lives on through her children. Especially Kevin, with his immaculate grammar handwriting!
And don't even get me started on his "place for everything and everything in it's place" philosophy! 🙄❤️
But what I do remember, is how EXCITED she would get when she knew it was around the time of year for his visit. He was almost embarrassed by it, maybe? But I saw a woman who loved her son VERY MUCH. And I can say with confidence that she raised an absolutely wonderful, intelligent, loving son in my husband and I am so grateful to her for that.
Thank you, Joan. Thank you for raising such great kids, all of whom turned out to be adults any parent would be proud of.
You will be forever in our hearts.
PS please forgive any spelling or grammatical errors, this keyboard and screen is tiny!
😊
Love always, Cynde Miler*

Cynde Miller - November 15, 2021 at 11:48 AM

BG

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Miller Family. I just want to let you know how honored I was to be able to do Joan's hair at Beachwaves Family Salon. She was a very lovely lady and I so enjoyed our talks that we use to have mainly about her children and my children. She will never be forgotten!*

*Betsy Garloff
Beachwaves Family Salon*

Betsy Garloff - November 15, 2021 at 03:23 PM

TC

“ Maureen and family,

I'm deeply saddened to hear about Joanie's passing. I cared for her almost every day at Asbury and I miss her dearly. When she moved it wasn't the same. She was such a joy to have and I will always cherish the memories and the time we had together. She was an extraordinary woman with an abundance of gratitude, happiness, laughter, and most of all, love of Jesus.

The bond between a mother and a child can never be replaced, and when I say she loved her children with all her heart, that would be considered an understatement. She spoke often of them, her travels and her adoring husband. She loved all of you guys so much and wanted to make sure everyone knew she was so lucky and loved. I cannot imagine the pain your family is going through and I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

-Taylor Campbell

Taylor Campbell - November 15, 2021 at 12:48 PM

DZ

“ Kevin, Maureen, Alan,

We're sorry that we are not able to attend the services and send our prayers and condolences to each of you and your families. Your Mom was one of the most wonderful people we have ever met and it was truly a pleasure to call her a friend. We have made a donation to the local P.E.O. in her memory.

Doug and Alexandra Zitzmann

Doug & Alexandra Zitzmann - November 14, 2021 at 01:52 PM

MM

“ 6 files added to the album Joan and Frank



Maureen Miller - November 13, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joan W. Miller.



November 12, 2021 at 12:55 PM

BM

“ Dear Maureen, Kevin, Alan and All of the Family,

We send our sympathy to all of you. Your mother was such a kind, warm and generous person. If more people were like your mother, this world would be a better place indeed. I know you all will miss her but we hope that you find peace and comfort in the days ahead. Also, I know your mother placed a strong emphasis on learning so we will contribute to P. E. O. in her memory. God bless all of you and we will keep you in our prayers.



Love, Becky, Rodney & William Matzko

Becky Matzko - November 11, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan W. Miller.



November 11, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan W. Miller.



November 09, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Joan W. Miller.



November 09, 2021 at 01:09 PM