



Shirley Anne Miller

January 27, 1930 - August 30, 2024

Shirley A. Miller, 94, passed away on August 30, 2024 at Benton House in Sugar Hill, GA.

Shirley was born January 27, 1930 to Roy and Golda (Melton) Bashford in Naponee, NE and lived in St. Joseph, MO over 50 years.

She graduated from Naponee High School in 1947 and from the National Business Institute in

Lincoln, NE in 1948. She worked in a variety of office positions and for most of her career, ran the office of Dr. Wallace McDonald.

She was a member of Ashland United Methodist Church and Swiss Lodge.

Shirley was an

intelligent woman with a sharp math mind, known for her sage advice, and her cutthroat bridge

game evidenced by her status as a master bridge player. Shirley had many talents including as

a skilled seamstress, gardener, excellent cook and musician. She was well-known for her pie

baking, willing to make everyone's favorite pie. She loved following her favorite sports teams

and watching PGA golf.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, Carl F. Miller, her

parents, and sister

Arlene Swart.

Survivors include daughters Cindy (Bob) Clark, Candy (Doug) Thompson,

Martha (Bob) Brown,

Linda Mulligan and Peggy Miller, sister Irma Loveday and sister-in-law Helen Stoneman.

Grandchildren include Rob Clark, Alyssa (Tanner) Rhea, Jack (Darby) Clark,

Ben Thompson,

Wyatt (Miranda) Brown, Jordan Brown, Lou (Emily) Mulligan, Casey (Connie)

Mulligan, Andy

(Jennifer) Vienhage, Amy (Anthony) Pedraza, Miranda (Dustin) Ham, and Erin

(Eldon)

Armstrong, 20 great grandchildren, 3 great great grandchildren and numerous nieces and

nephews and their families.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Benton House and Capstone Hospice for their excellent

kindness to and care of our beloved mother.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024, 1:00pm at

Ashland United

Methodist Church, 2711 Ashland Avenue, Saint Joseph, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Ashland United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Ashland United Methodist Church
2711 Ashland Avenue
Saint Joseph, MO

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Very sorry for your loss. I met Shirley when she headed the Patee Park Food Pantry. She was a wonderful warm person who inspired your respect for her leadership.

Janie Christensen - November 12, 2024 at 10:41 AM

RT

“ When I felt I was different from everyone, she encouraged that. She taught me the value of a fun day, a flower garden, and the hard work of farming the earth for its bounty. She encouraged my intellect, being educated and very knowledgeable herself. If I was mean to others, she was meaner and she could have easily solved the War on Terror unarmed. She was the only person you could call Shirley, haha! Brown carpet, Weather Channel, Golf, Nap time at noon, freshly cut turkey breast from Hyvee, Swiss cheese, multiple dogs, HUGE FIREPLACE, Christmas baking, tons of people the house was never empty, Cadillac and Chevy, Massey and John Deer, mules, horses, roasting wienies, Dr. Pepper, water in Gatorade bottles, a deep water well, honeybees that made fresh honey, CORN LOTS OF IT, south end, hayrides, burgers on the grill, and by accident she bought too many BBQ chip bags and I found out that BBQ chips and sour cream and onion dip is my absolute favorite. “HEY! HEY! HEY! Settle down!”

And because of something I said, I called her Mom’s Mom. Mom Mom. And Jack and Alyssa had a problem with the H, and called her Squirrely. No one I know outside of our family such as Jordan, Wyatt, and Ben had a childhood like mine growing up in Georgia and then making the trip back to Missouri. All the other kids were city kids who thought mules were a trip somewhere once or twice. Amos and Andy were my buddies and we got along, being stubborn mules.

Robbie Top - September 04, 2024 at 01:31 PM

HS

“ I recall the first time I met Shirley, she and Carl had been married for awhile, after getting acquainted she said “I knew there had to be another one like him”

She was a woman of many talents. To me she was a source of wisdom, love, and endless stories that filled our hearts with joy. Loved her with all my heart.

Helen Stoneman - September 03, 2024 at 10:14 PM

BK

She was like a mother who I had knew all of my life. She helped raise my brother and I. If I was giving my folks trouble, she would get a call from my grandparents. She was always there to help, and guide us.

*Hugs Shirley to a job well done.
Love you to the moon and back.
Beth Ann*

Beth kutcher - September 04, 2024 at 12:31 PM

DG

We are so sorry to see the loss of Shirley. She was a lovely lady.. we were neighbors for several years & then continued to visit her & Carl at their earth home. I have often thought of here .. & wondered where she ended up. May she rest in peace ❤️

Donna Guardado - September 11, 2024 at 10:25 AM

NH

So sorry to read of Shirley's death. We always loved Shirley and enjoyed all the fall festivals through the years that she and Carl hosted. Such a good cook and a special lady to be around. She will be greatly missed ❤️ Nancy and George Hammer

Nancy Hammer - September 11, 2024 at 12:30 PM