

Remembering the Life of Joyce Mae (Holmer) Miller

Joyce Miller peacefully passed away on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at her home in Hot Springs, SD. Until her final days, she embodied a spirit of adventure, joy and unwavering love for her children and grandchildren. We honor and express our gratitude for her long, beautiful life full of compassion, grace, and kindness.

Joyce was a devoted mother to Jeff, Joni (Gary), Jacki, and Jay (Jennifer) and Grandmother to Jake, Lily, Jordyn, Riley and Caden. She cherished her family and made each one of us her priority. She was a tower of strength, and many who knew her called her just that. She was kind to everyone and was loved by many.

Born on May 13, 1930, in Milaca, Minnesota, Joyce (Holmer) Miller was the beloved daughter of William and Edyth Holmer and a sibling to nine brothers and sisters. Sheldon, Kenny, Bob, Jim, Marilyn, Jane, and June. Her surviving brother, Larry (Marilyn), (she was able to see on our recent road trip, which was truly a blessing.)

After graduating from Milaca High School, she moved to Rochford, Illinois where she attended college. Joyce went on to pursue a successful banking career and then moved to Phoenix Arizona with some girlfriends. It was here where she met a handsome cowboy poet by the name of Roy Miller on a blind date and 6 months later, they eloped. They were married for 55 years, and it was truly a love match. He wrote many poems expressing his love for her. Jeff and Joni were born in Arizona, but they wanted to be close to family, so they moved to South Dakota where Jacki and Jay were born.

Joyce worked hard her entire life. After their move to Custer South Dakota, she worked at the bank, cooked all the meals for JR Bar Ranch trail rides, (which she owned and operated with her husband Roy) all while raising four children. Later she found a job she loved working as Deputy of the Register of Deeds until retiring in 2000.

Joyce was known for her generosity and big heart. We will miss her tremendously, but she lived an amazing life full of love. We find comfort in knowing her legacy will live on through the many lessons she instilled in us and the memories we will cherish forever.

Arrangements have been placed in the care of
Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home
Custer, South Dakota



JOYCE M. MILLER

MAY 13, 1930 — SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

TO MY DEAR WIFE, MRS. MILLER

Thank you dear for the joy you poured into my heart. And the hearts of our four precious children, Jay, Jacki, Joni, and Jeff.

What a journey, what a journey! It's fifty years since we've been wed!
And I didn't tell you every day, the words I really should have said!

The words are, "You're my everything!" Because you really, truly are!
You're everything I ever hoped for, and you've exceeded that by far!

You've stuck with me through thick and thin, through good times and
through bad;
We've never made a lone decision, I give you credit for all we've had!

You've handled our correspondence, kept the wolf away from the door...
You are capable and qualified to handle every single chore!

From cooking, baking, cleaning house, sewing on a patch or two,
Getting the kids off to bed or school. There's no job you couldn't do!

You worked right along side of me so that our needs we'd meet;
From putting groceries on the table to covering those tiny little feet.

You've been the greatest mother too with our children numbering four;
And for your guidance and instructions, I couldn't ask for nothing more!

They all were taught to go to church and learn about God's love;
To daily try to live a life that pleases Him above!

To always pray before we eat and before retiring to bed;
Asking him for his protection through the night or next day instead!

I've been a very poor example in some of my personal life;
Swearing or using bad language due to pain or some other strife!

But by repenting we're forgiven and our sins, He'll remember no more!
And the slate will be wiped clean, as clean as it was before!

Then when this earthly life is o'er, the Big Boss way up high,
Will say "well done, enter in!" And we will all qualify...

For that heavenly home Christ prepared when He died there on that tree!
And arranged for all eternal life for all my family and me!

And this still is my daily prayer when we meet at Jesus' feet,
That this very family circle will then too be complete!

IN LOVING MEMORY

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MILACA, MINNESOTA—HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

COMMittal SERVICES

3:00 p.m., Friday, September 20, 2024

Cold Springs Cemetery
Pringle, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor John McKnight

POEM READING BY JEFF MILLER

Together Twenty Five Years

PALLBEARERS

Floyd Zeimet, Francis Zeimet, Charlie Zeimet,
Scott Wheeler, Darrell Custer

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Joyce's Grandchildren-Jake, Lily, Jordyn, Riley, Caden

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Pringle Community Hall

MEMORIALS

Pringle Volunteer Fire Department
Hot Springs Ambulance Service