



Bette Jo Miller

December 3, 1925 - September 15, 2021

Bette Jo Miller, 95, of Spirit Lake passed away on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at Accura Healthcare of Spirit Lake. A celebration of life will be held at a later date at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Bette Jo Miller was born December 3, 1925, to Carl and Leona Behrendsen at Gilmore City, IA. She graduated from Ruthven High School in 1944. After high school she moved to Los Angeles, CA working at Douglas Aircraft. She returned to Ruthven after World War II. She married Orland Miller on September 30, 1946 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. They were the parents of three children, Mary Jo Daniels, Barbara McBreen and Michael Miller. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church for 70 plus years and a member of the Catholic Daughters for 50 plus years. She worked at Spirit Lake Savings and Loan, now Northwest Bank. She retired in 1987. She worked at Tri State and the Cob Web after retiring. Bette was preceded in death by her husband, Orland of 49 years, her parents, 3 sisters, 3 brothers and their spouses. Surviving sister Jeanne Jones ; nephew Michael Miller Keehner; Children Mary Jo Daniels; Barbara (Joe) McBreen; Mike (Debbie) Miller; seven grandchildren, Ryan (Becky) McBreen; Kristin McBreen; Caitlin (Kevin) McTague; Hayley (Jen) Meese- Cherry; Bethany Meese; Calvin Miller; Kelly (Eric) Schemenauer; ten great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; cousin Paul Estes and many friends.

Cemetery Details

St. Margaret's Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Tribute Wall

LG

“ I’ve been thinking about Bette for the past month and decided to ask Siri about her tonight. The world has lost someone very special. Bette was my Brownie Scout leader and by the time I graduated from high school was like a second mother. Always kind, helpful, cheerful and giving...I can’t remember a bad mood ever. What a role model! I remember the day Barbie & I graduated, Bette told us, “I hope you both grow up and have daughters who treat you just like you’ve treated your mothers, girls!” and then she chuckled that Bette chuckle and walked away. We weren’t sure if we’d been spanked or hugged. Thank you for welcoming me into your life, Bette. It was a privilege.

LaVon Griffieon - October 26, 2021 at 02:36 AM

LK

“ How I loved her wonderful sense of humor. She was just a delightful person. I looked forward to seeing her weekly at the VFW as a member of our group. My prayers are with her family.
Linda Kraut

Linda Kraut - September 28, 2021 at 09:12 AM

DB

“ My prayers and sympathy to your family.
.So hard to lose a Mother.

Dayle Broocks



Dayle Broocks - September 25, 2021 at 07:43 PM

KE

“ *Bette was a lovely lady and a great friend to my Mom and family. I truly enjoyed going over to her home and playing with Mary Jo. We all had many good times together.*

*I said a prayer for you today, although you didn't hear.
I asked God to help you with your grief and to lessen your fear.
May each day your grief become more bearable, and give you more peace of mind.
You have lost a very special person who was to everyone so kind.*

by Konnie Sue (Klein) Egertson

Konnie Sue (Klein) Egertson - September 23, 2021 at 09:34 PM

MS

“ *Marge Schneidawind lit a candle in memory of Bette Jo Miller*



Marge Schneidawind - September 22, 2021 at 05:54 PM

MS

Bette was a neat lady. Enjoyed her friendship for many years. She will be missed.

Marge Schneidawind - September 22, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ *A very good and faithful servant. All of heavens saints and angels must be rejoicing at Betty's arrival. What a dear sweet lady, who impacted the lives of so many.*



Kathleen Shaw - September 20, 2021 at 01:24 AM

WK

“ *A lovely, kind lady who spread kindness to so many! Our sympathies to the Miller family!*



Wayne and Diana (Doocy) Koppen - September 19, 2021 at 06:48 PM

ML

“ *Mary Eddy Linton lit a candle in memory of Bette Jo Miller*



Mary Eddy Linton - September 19, 2021 at 09:20 AM

SG

“ *Mary Jo sorry to hear of your mothers passing. My mom was also a Ruthven HS graduate and remained they friends throughout their lives.*

Sandy Gruhn - September 18, 2021 at 08:07 PM

AK

“ *Bette was a dear friend of our next door neighbors, Henry and Marlys Williams... I never saw her without a smile and a friendly hello.*

Annette Kalkhoff - September 18, 2021 at 06:30 PM

SV

“ Our families were great friends when we lived in Spirit Lake in the late 50's and 1960's. I have fond memories! I was able to visit Betty 2 years ago. She was such a gem, very proud of her family! Beautiful person inside and out!
Sandy Lovrien Vance

Sandy Lovrien Vance - September 18, 2021 at 06:23 PM

DR

“ Don & Jean Reed lit a candle in memory of Bette Jo Miller



Don & Jean Reed - September 18, 2021 at 07:33 AM

PP

“ Pat & Judy Peddycoart lit a candle in memory of Bette Jo Miller



Pat & Judy Peddycoart - September 17, 2021 at 10:12 PM

DE

“ I was friends with Barbie way back in the 60's and 70's, so I have known "Mrs Miller" for some time. She has always been so sweet and ready to have a nice little chat. I will miss seeing her.
My deepest sympathy to all of you!



Debbie - September 17, 2021 at 07:32 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to "Mrs. Miller's" family. It was so nice to re-connect to her via Facebook these past few months and see she hadn't lost her spark for life. I loved her posts and love of life. I'm sure she'll be dearly missed.
Hoping she'll be enjoying coffee with the other ladies, including my Mom, there in Heaven.

Mary Chambers - September 17, 2021 at 01:36 PM

NM

“ Norm Meinking lit a candle in memory of Bette Jo Miller



norm meinking - September 17, 2021 at 01:27 PM

JK

“ Bette and I worked together at the bank for many years and she was always a joy to be around. We also lived in the same neighborhood until she moved to her retirement home. She will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers are sent out to all her family.

Ervin and Joyce Krull

Joyce Krull - September 17, 2021 at 01:23 PM

DR

“ Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of Bette Jo Miller



Doug and Barb Ricke - September 17, 2021 at 11:04 AM

BA

“ *Mary Jo and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Heaven gained another angel.* ”



Beverly Atwell - September 17, 2021 at 08:30 AM

SC

“ *Sharon Crowley lit a candle in memory of Bette Jo Miller* ”



Sharon Crowley - September 16, 2021 at 11:24 PM

SC

It was always a pleasure to visit with Bette. Such a sweet soul.

Sharon Crowley - September 16, 2021 at 11:25 PM

AM

“ *Alan And Reba Munson lit a candle in memory of Bette Jo Miller* ”



Alan and Reba Munson - September 16, 2021 at 11:18 PM

JM

“ I did Bette hair for years and always enjoyed her wit and funny jokes I will miss her



Jill McDowell - September 16, 2021 at 07:52 PM

DK

“ Doug & Sally Kness lit a candle in memory of Bette Jo Miller



Doug & Sally Kness - September 16, 2021 at 07:00 PM

LH

“ Bette was a kind soul. I would call her on the St. Mary's Prayer Chain after receiving requests and she was always so willing to add her prayers. She inspired me to pray more often. That is a gift she gave to me.

Laura Hanna - September 16, 2021 at 03:51 PM

BD

“ Bonnie Duhn sent a virtual gift in memory of Bette Jo Miller



Bonnie Duhn - September 16, 2021 at 01:28 PM