



Beverlee Miller

November 13, 1928 - May 2, 2013

Beverlee Rachael Miller, 84, of Iron Mountain, passed away Thurs. May 2, 2013 at her home, surrounded by her family, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Beverlee was born on Nov. 13, 1928 in Iron Mountain, the daughter of the late Gustaf and Mabel (Peterson) Bodine. She graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1947.

Following her graduation, she worked as a secretary at Grede Foundry and Champion, Inc. She married Albert Miller, Jr. and raised her family. Beverlee attended Bay de Noc Community College and graduated as a LPN and then received her RN degree. She enjoyed caring for the veteran's at the VA Medical Center for twenty-two years. She retired in 1994.

Beverlee was a member and attended Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Her children and grandchildren were everything to her. They were blessed to have such a loving, caring mother and grandmother. She was always there for them.

Beverlee enjoyed traveling, bird watching, coffee clatching with friends, trying new recipes, and eating a good chocolate chip cookie. On Sundays it was going to church and watching football, especially the Green Bay Packers. Her homemade salad dressing was fabulous and counted on at all family

gatherings.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers Stewart Bodine and Hartley Bodine, and her sister Seve Bodine.

Beverlee is survived by one sister Kathryn Calahan of Appleton, WI, three sons James (Louisa) Miller of Iron Mountain, Don Miller of Byron Center, MI, and Rick (Connie) Miller of Vicksburg, MI and one daughter Debra Ruohomaki of Hamilton Lakes, Vulcan. She also leaves her precious grandchildren Deidra Ruohomaki of Madison, WI, Derrick Ruohomaki of Spread Eagle, Dayna (Gabe) Lacosse of Kingsford, Carmen (Keith) Schierbeeck of Byron Center, MI, Grant (Fiancé Stephanie) Miller of Byron Center, MI, Cory Miller of Byron Center, MI, Cassandra Miller of Vicksburg, MI and Stephanie Miller of Vicksburg, MI.

Beverlee was also awaiting the birth of two great grandchildren in May and November. Bev also leaves her sister-in-law Shirley Mande of Iron Mountain, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many dear friends.

Visitation will be on Thurs. from 10-11am at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Funeral services will be at 11am at the church with a luncheon to follow in the church hall. Rev. Lee Liverance will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made through the family to Bev's favorite charities, her church and the Dickinson County Cancer Loan Closet.

Condolences to the family of Beverlee Miller can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Graveside Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cemetery Park
101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Dear Deb, James & Louisa and family,

We were so sorry to read of Bev's passing! Through our association with Shirley, we've had the pleasure of meeting her and you & your families. Bev was a lovely, interesting and fun person to be around. She will be missed.

Our sympathies and condolences go to you, your brothers and sisters and your families.

Dennis and Cherie Fuller

Chris and Dennis Fuller - Green Bay, WI - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Bev always had a smile on her face. She was such a hard worker!! She was an inspiration to her profession, friends, and family!!*

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Bonnie Koski - Crystal Falls, MI - classmate, colleague, and friend - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *I only had the privilege of meeting Grandma Bev a handful of times....but it was always easy to see where Rick got his kind heart and gentle soul. Rest in peace Bev and rest knowing you left behind a great group of kids and grandkids! As a devoted mother and grandmother you will be remembered in all of our hearts and prayers.*

Scott Walker - Hilliard, OH - Ricks' Brother-in-law - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Deb & Family,*

I just saw that your beautiful Bev had passed. I know how hard this must be right now and I'm sending you peace and love during this difficult time. I'm so glad you were with her during this journey. Much love!

Dawn Smith, VA

Dawn Smith - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ It is with a heavy heart that I write these words of good bye to a beautiful, strong, caring woman, who I admired greatly. Life has purpose and everything happens for a reason even though it takes us time to understand why. 24 hours after Bev's passing, her first Great Grandchild was welcomed into this world. Violet Beverlee will be our constant reminder of Bev's beauty and grace. As a Grandmother for the first time, I am looking forward to Violet's reaction to chocolate chip cookies. Some how I know she will love them as much as Bev did.

Bev will always be remembered not only with all the people she touched through life, but in this new little one's as well. There is no doubt in my mind Bev was welcomed with open arms into heaven by all of the family, loved ones and friends that previously passed. I am also sure their daily discussions will somehow include the Green Bay Packers. I am happy that she will be able to see Al again. There will be much for her to share with him regarding their children and grand children.

Bev's family is amazing and rightfully so as they are a reflection of her. My prayers and condolences are with each and every one of them for their loss.

Meg (Kempker) Miller - Grand Rapids, MI - daughter-in-law (for 19 yrs) - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Deb, just got home from Door County and read in the paper that your Mom went home to Heaven. I know how much you will miss her, but know she is in a better place. Love Amy

Amy Dixon - Vulcan, MI - Friend of Deb's - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Bev was a very special lady, a good friend to all, a listener who cared about you. A wonderful mother. I admired her courage and the love she gave so freely to her children. She raised her children with love and then let them go out into their world confident and sure of what they wanted. A really great example of unconditional love for all,
A true friend who loved every aspect of life. and all those she met. Weavv4y5 will miss her..*

Chuck & Vera Walker - Portage , MI - friend - May 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Bev was a loving mother, grandmother and mother-in-law. She showed me how to gracefully let your children grow up and leave the nest while maintaining an incredible bond with them. She welcomed new 'children' into her life as daughter-in-laws and grandchildren with loving open arms. Her company will be greatly missed. ...but she will always be with us.....Love you Bev*

Connie Miller - Vicksburg, MI - daughter in law - May 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Bev's passing. We worked together at the VAMC. She was a truly wonderful person and nurse. May she rest in peace. My deepest sympathy to you all.*

Cynthia Gordon - Iron Mountain, MI - VA Friend - May 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Bev will be missed dearly. Each and every time we had the pleasure to visit IM, Aunt Bev was there to greet us with her warm smile. She always made sure we were comfortable, sharing her favorite family traditions, enjoying her kids, grandkids and all included. Look for another bright star in the sky to gaze up to.
Love, Mike and Peggy Miller*

Mike and Peggy Miller - Alma, MI - Nephew - May 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Aunt Bev's kindness, warm heart and beautiful smile will be greatly missed. She was one of my favorite travel partners who has now moved on to greater journeys. I love you all and hold you close in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.*

Meg - Silver Spring, MD - Niece - May 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM