



Diana Lynn Miller

November 17, 1954 - December 23, 2022

Diana Lynn Miller passed away on December 23, 2022, after a lifelong battle of illnesses. She was 68 years old. She spent her last weeks with family close by her side. To know Diana, was to know love.

Diana was born on November 17, 1954, in Flint, Michigan. Her formative years were spent in Felch, Michigan. She then married the love of her life, Ed Miller, right after high school graduation. They just celebrated their 50 year wedding anniversary this past summer, which included an intimate gathering with her treasured family, which she leaves behind in her husband, Ed; children, John (and Charlotte) Miller, and Christin (and Joe) Mlsna; and her "babies" (aka grandchildren), including Marie, Sophie, and Claire Miller, and Autumn and Garrett Mlsna.

While she was able, she worked numerous jobs as a waitress, office worker, and call center specialist, and later found great passion in being a freelance writer for the local newspaper. Diana was also a gifted poet, often providing poetry to people in need of healing, reflection, or remembrance - she seemed to always know the right time to engage, and the right words to help people out.

As a poet, she also enjoyed reading other's poetry, and enjoyed this poem from Maya Angelou... "People will forget what you did in life. People will forget

what you said in life. But people will never forget how you made them feel."

And with that...Diana's legacy is clear. She loved.

Her love was guided by her faith, instilled in her family, and given to her friends and coworkers.

When she worked, she always seemed to be in a role around people - where she could engage and interact. We all know she loved to talk, so this shouldn't be a surprise! Diana could famously turn a "Do you have 2 minutes?" conversation into a couple hours.

As a friend, she was someone who was always there in times of need. She immersed herself into people's lives because of her genuine care and love for them. When people were hurting, she was likely among the first to call or do something for them. When people were celebrating, she was likely there to give her recognition or bake a special treat. But whatever that case, she was there to give her love.

And to her family, that love was obvious. She has great love for her siblings Doug (Emmy) Harder, Derald (Sharon) Harder, and Dawn (Buddy) Peacock. She reflected a lot on their childhood together in her last few weeks and had so much love for each of them and all they've meant to her during her life. She also had a special relationship with her goddaughter, Cassandra Rittenhouse, and was also close with many of her nieces and nephews.

As for the family she built, she couldn't have been prouder. She married her best friend in Ed, adored him, and was so immensely proud to be his wife. And Ed would also say, "I couldn't have asked for a better wife." Having children became an incredible blessing and both John and Christin couldn't have asked for a better mom. She was a caretaker, a teacher, a shoulder to

cry on, and a guide in faith- she was everything you could hope for in a mom. She gave that same love to John's wife Charlotte and Christin's husband Joe. She was so thankful for them to be a part of the family and the gifts and blessings they each brought. And as a grandmother - well, that was probably her greatest source of happiness. She loved the uniqueness of each of her grandchildren and loved passing down some of her passions to them, from baking, to sewing, to her faith, to painting, to her writing. She loved the big hugs, the big moments, the little moments, the holidays, and other celebrations. Her life simply felt full and complete with the family she built with Ed, and her family adored her.

Her faith was a part of every aspect of her life - she was guided by it, and guided others in their faith journeys. She's been a long-time member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church and raised her family as strong Christians. Her talent as a writer and poet made her a regular writer for the devotional books of her church. She believed in Heaven and was in her own way looking forward to her entrance into God's kingdom. In her last few weeks, she reflected a lot on some of her family and friends who left before her, including her parents, Jack and Peg Harder; her grandparents, Neoma and Walter Jensen; and her dear friend, Kathy Michaud. In some ways, we suspect she was thinking about the people she would see again, and we find comfort knowing she sits beside them today and in good health.

Diana was a beautiful wife, mother, grandmother, family member, and friend. She was centered in faith and leaves within us her legacy.

Diana Lynn Miller - a Legacy of Love

Visitation will be at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1210 S. Kimberly Ave., from 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, with Rev. Steve Cowen

officiating the funeral service at noon.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Diana Lynn Miller online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My heart has been deeply saddened by the loss of my dear and special friend, DianA. I will remember her sweetly and fondly, as our friendship goes back to about 16 years when we first met while working together. Working beside her at the Research and Call Center, it wasn't long before I came to realize what a caring, genuinely loving, and generous person she was. She often would prepare my work station for me and nearly always would bring along extra food items in her lunch to share with others around her. As the years progressed several of us co-workers found ourselves being invited for get-togethers to celebrate birthdays, holidays, etc. My husband would always joke that how could the few of us have a birthday 'every' month!

I can honestly say DianA had a "heart of gold," always extending herself for the good of others, as well as to their children or families. DianA had a strong faith in God, loved her family and grandchildren immensely, doing all in her power to express that love. And despite her struggles with health and illnesses she remained positive and never complained. She looked at the bright side of life, continued to think of others and their happiness and well-being. She continued doing the things that she still could do and that made her happy. And I think that making "others" happy is what brought happiness to her.

She was a fighter with a willingness to live until God would make "His" final calling, and not the decision of others.

You may have noticed I capitalize DianA's name with a capital A at the end. DianA had once expressed to me that her name wasn't Diane but DianA. Hence, I always wrote her name in this fashion and she always got a kick out of it. And so I will honor her in this. DianA was an inspiration to me in so many ways and I will truly miss her. But I also rejoice in knowing she is finally home with her Lord and Savior. My condolences go out to her family, friends and many loved ones.

Mari Lynn Van Ginkel - January 02, 2023 at 12:23 AM

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“ *Diana was such a wonderful woman! She will be missed my many!!*

Stephen Trask - December 28, 2022 at 08:42 PM

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“ *I met Diana many years ago. Even when she was the sickest she was always pleasant to be around. Her poems were always beautiful. I will miss her smiling face. Many prayers to her family as they now have to travel this path of life without her beautiful self in it.*

Amy Fiorucci - December 28, 2022 at 03:39 PM

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“ *To Diana'sFamily,
Although I was not privileged to know Diana, I felt I knew her through the love she shared with my sister Marge Nelson with poems she wrote for Marge and goodies she brought often to her. Diana sounds like a person everyone should be privileged to know with so much love. I'm sure that Jesus has opened the door wide as Diana entered her heavenly home. aaagod'slove surround and embrace all of her family and those who will miss her kindness and extended love.
Orice Theisen Walters*



Orice Walters - December 28, 2022 at 12:19 PM

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“ My dearest Dianna many times we have talked both in person and on the phone and was moved when you said "My favorite uncle" I remember when you were born and thought you SUCH A LITTLE CHILD. May God receive you in his arms. Say HI to your Mom n Dad and All of the rest of the family. Our prayers for your family with remembrance of Gods promise we will ALL BE REUNITED AGAIN.

Uncle George Groat - December 28, 2022 at 05:37 AM

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Diana was a jewel. We would talk for hours. Her love for her family God were unstoppable! I look forward to eternity talking, laughing, & sitting with Jesus surrounded with family. RIP sweet cousin, until we meet again!❤️☐

Nancie Bazner Froning - December 29, 2022 at 07:13 AM