



## Joanne Miller

November 26, 1945 - April 15, 2020

Joanne Theresa Miller, 74, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at Midland Hospice House.

Joanne was born November 26, 1945, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Joseph Doherty and Janet Gorsuch Doherty McCloskey. She graduated from Chambersburg High School in Pennsylvania. Joanne married Ronald Miller on October 9, 1965, in Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Chambersburg; they celebrated 54 years of marriage. She was an administrative assistant. Joanne was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, American Businesswoman's Association, Professional Secretaries Inc. and Christ the King Catholic Church. She volunteered with the American Cancer Society, as the newsletter editor for the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 0002, and anywhere else she was needed. Joanne was an avid scrapbooker.

Joanne is survived by her husband, Ron Miller; son, Eric Miller; grandson, Jacob Miller; step-father, Enoch McCloskey; and half-brother, David Doherty. She was preceded in death by her mother, Janet McCloskey; father, Joseph Doherty; brother, Michael McCloskey; aunt, Pegge Tolbert; and Grandma Gorsuch.

Joanne will be privately buried in Mission Center Cemetery in Topeka,

Kansas, due to Covid-19 limitations. A Memorial Mass and celebration of life will be at a later date.

Memorial Contributions may be made to NARFE or the Alzheimer's Association, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joanne Miller*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Ron and family sorry to hear about Joanne passing. May the healing gifts of time and the love of God carry you gently through the loss your feeling now. Joanne was such a generous person in her giving of her self. Sending prayers to you and family.*

*Blessings,  
Karen North (NARFE)*

**Karen North** - April 24, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ *We want to extend our heart felt sympathy to Ron and family on Joanne's passing. She was a kind and caring person and a good daughter, wife and mother. She will be missed.*

*Respectfully,*

*Team and Kathleen Shepard*

**Tom Shepard** - April 20, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ *Dear Ron and family: We offer our prayers and sympathy to you. May faith and love sustain you now and in the days ahead. Finding comfort in God's promise of resurrection and your memories will bring peace. God Bless You!*

*Jake and Carole Mertz*

**Jake Mertz** - April 20, 2020 at 01:04 PM

NM

“ Nick and Julie Murray purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joanne Miller.



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**Nick and Julie Murray** - April 20, 2020 at 10:19 AM

BC

“ Dear Ron, Eric and Family,  
Joanne was a such a wonderful person, wife, and mother. We had many wonderful times with her over our many years as members of Christ the King parish. It was a joy to witness the wonderful marriage Ron and Joanne enjoyed....when we saw Ron...we saw Joanne...when we saw Joanne, we saw Ron. They were a beautiful couple. We understand how difficult her loss will be to you, Ron and Eric. Be assured of our continued friendship and support. We know that this exceptional person is now enjoying her heavenly reward and praying for all of us left behind. She is now part of the Church Triumphant.....

*May The Lord Bless and Keep You,  
Love,  
Bob and Carolyn Conroy*

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**Bob and Carolyn Conroy** - April 20, 2020 at 10:13 AM

JM

“ Dear Miller Family,

*We were so saddened to learn of Joanne's passing and hope that remembering her extraordinary life and genuinely kind spirit will help you through these difficult times. We will keep you in our thoughts and remember her always.*

*Lots of love,*

*Nick and Julie Murray*

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**Julie Murray** - April 20, 2020 at 10:07 AM

LB

“ Ron, Eric and Family,

*We are so deeply saddened to read of Joanne's passing. We've enjoyed many years of friendship with you through Beta Sigma Phi events, enjoying some of your trick or treating shenanigans, or just bumping into you around town. Joanne's easy smile and caring ways have meant so much to me through the years. We offer our most sincere condolences to you. We hold your family close in thought and prayer.*

*With love,*

*Phil and Lynne Baker*

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**Lynne Baker** - April 20, 2020 at 01:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joanne Miller.*



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April 19, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ *Ed & I are so very sorry. Our hearts go out to you Ron and to your family. We had so many good times with you and Joanne and the PT Cruiser Club. She was and is a great lady and will be sadly missed. You are in our prayers always.*  
*Ed & Janet Campbell*

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**Janet Campbell** - April 19, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ *Ron. My heart goes out to you and your family. As I looked at Joanne's picture it took me back to the late fifties/early sixties when we were still in school and both lived on College Avenue in Chambersburg. We had so much fun together- so many laughs. She was a very special girl and I will never forget her. Linda (Rock) McNew*

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**Linda Rock McNew** - April 18, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of Joanne's passing. She has such a warm smile and caring personality. She has touched so many people in her life that she will always be remembered as such a vibrant light in the world. Deepest sympathy and know she is always with you.*

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**Janey Eaton** - April 17, 2020 at 11:54 AM

RF

*Sorry for your deep loss of your dear wife and mother. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Joanne was one of my Sorority Sisters and a dear friend to many. She had a very sweet smile and a kind personality. She will be greatly missed.*

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**Roberta Fischer** - April 18, 2020 at 01:40 PM

BS

“ Ron and Eric~

*My heart goes out to you both as you go through such a significant loss. And Joanne was a wonderful wife and Mom. There was never a job, large or small, that she wasn't willing to take on. Plus her beloved father-in-law Pop/Pop who you all brought to Kansas to be closer to family and what great care she gave him. . She was just a remarkable human being and will be so missed. May your tears of grief soon turn to smiles as you remember her and all the love she gave so willingly. I am thinking of you and all your family especially now.*

*Bev Surratt*

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**Beverly Surratt** - April 16, 2020 at 10:37 PM

JK

“ I'm just so sad to hear of Joanne's passing. I've known Joanne through Beta Sigma Phi City Council activities. She was on my board one year when I was city council president & I will always cherish the scrapbook she made for me as it's so detailed in every way as she always did for so many. We worked on many activities together & did many rituals together in Gavel Club. We shared a love & the traditions of Beta Sigma Phi & will always remember her as a sorority sister that gave the best that was in her as our ritual said. My thoughts & prayers are with you.

*Jane Kelly  
Laureate Gamma Lambda chapter  
Beta Sigma Phi City Council &  
member of Gavel Club*

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**Jane Kelly** - April 16, 2020 at 09:07 PM

AL

“ Ron and Eric,  
We wanted you know how sorry we are to hear of Joanne's passing. I knew Joanne from Beta Sigma Phi. She used to be in my chapter. I always enjoyed visiting with her at citywide functions. She was such a caring person and a hard worker. She will be missed by everyone who had the good fortune to know her. May your memories of her give you comfort and peace.

*Anne and Don Long*

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**Anne and Don Long** - April 16, 2020 at 06:10 PM

JS

“ Ron - I'm in touch with Eric of course, but wanted to leave a word of consolation here for you. You have our deepest sympathy. We lost Lori's mom a couple years ago, and my mom struggles with some of the same issues you've just faced with Joanne. We do really feel for you. God bless you now and until we can see you again. May Joanne rest in peace. John & Lori

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**JOHN SPAIN** - April 16, 2020 at 03:38 PM

BB

“ We are so sorry , Ron, to learn of Joanne's death.. I always remember how dedicated and professional she was while working with her in the Federal Building, and the Corporation for National Service.. She always had a lot of irons in the fire, so many different projects to handle at the same time, Of course trying to keep track of Jim Byrnes and myself wasn't a piece of cake!  
Our thoughts and prayers are certainly with you, Ron, and your family.  
Bob and Joleen Bechtel

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**Bob Bechtel** - April 16, 2020 at 11:43 AM

JB

“ What a great gal. I fondly remember our time together in ABWA and more recently in the 3rd Tuesday lunch group. Her family should know that she is being remember by a great many people whose life she touched. My thoughts are with you, Judy Beach

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**Judy Beach** - April 16, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ *My life was blessed in sharing time with such a wonderful person in two different groups - ABWA and then now Beta Sigma Phi. There will be a definite gap in my life. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and all her many friends.*

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**Zandra Myrick** - April 15, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ *Joanne was a dear friend and a Beta Sigma Phi sister. Joanne was smart, funny, kind, generous, creative, patient, tenacious, and beautiful inside and out. She will be missed by all who were lucky enough to have known her. Prayers and deep sympathies for her family and friends.*

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**Terri Good** - April 15, 2020 at 08:00 PM