

*M*arie Miller, age 98, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Sunday, December 16, 2007 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Marie Elizabeth Raymond was born July 10, 1909 in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the daughter of Karl and Betty (Trullason) Raymond. On May 30, 1930, Marie was married to Elmer Miller in Cherokee, Iowa. The couple was blessed with three children: Bonnie, Elmer "Sonny" and Darlene. Marie and Elmer farmed in the Quimby, Alta and Schaller, Iowa areas before they bought a farm in Jackson, Minnesota. They moved to Spencer, Iowa in 1959, where they owned and operated a motel for many years. They remained in Spencer during their retirement years. Elmer died on January 28, 1992. Marie lived at Buena Vista Manor in Storm Lake since 2000.

Marie enjoyed playing bingo, cards and board games. She loved to cook and bake for family and friends. She treasured her family and the time she spent with them was precious to her. Her kind and caring ways will be missed dearly by all those who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Bonnie Eckerman of Storm Lake; her son, Elmer "Sonny" (Vivian) Miller of Prescott, Arizona; her daughter, Darlene (Donald) Saathoff of Baxter, Minnesota; twelve grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren; one sister, May Barry of Sutherland, Iowa; sister-in-law, Alvira Tentinger of Remsen, Iowa; brother-in-law Don Barry of Spencer, Iowa; extended family and many friends.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elmer; grandson Ricki Eckerman; son-in-law Romane Eckerman; brothers Harold Raymond and Harry Raymond; sisters Viola Raymond, Edith Linneman, Marge Farquhar and Eldora Barry.



**A memorial fund in Marie's honor  
has been established.**

*Celebrating*

**A Special Life**



**Marie Elizabeth Miller**

1909  2007

# Mothers Never Die

You have never lost your mother,  
Though you've said your last goodbyes.  
Though there's heartbreak in the parting,  
No one's mother really dies!

If you love to hear the old songs, for memories they bring,  
It's because you had a mother who taught your heart to sing.  
If you stop to help a neighbor, search your heart and you'll find,  
It's because you had a mother who's taught you to be kind.  
If you go to church when weary, seeking God to guide your way,  
It's because you had a mother, who's taught you how to pray.

No, you've never lost your mother,  
Though you've said your last goodbyes.  
Through your thoughts and deeds she's living.  
No one's mother really dies.

— author unknown



We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Please join us for lunch and a time of sharing at the Knight of Columbus Hall in Storm Lake following the mass.

 Marie's' Family

## IN MEMORY OF

Marie Elizabeth Miller

July 10, 1909



December 16, 2007

### FUNERAL MASS

Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.  
St. Mary's Catholic Church — Storm Lake, Iowa

### CLERGY

Reverend Bruce Lawler

### ORGANIST

Dolores Cullen

### MUSIC

St. Mary's Caritas Choir

"Here I Am Lord"

"Ave Maria"

"How Great Thou Art"

### CASKET BEARERS

Mark Miller, Michael Miller, Timothy Miller, Bradley Saathoff  
Bryan Saathoff, Curtis Eckerman, Michael Leith, Andrew Chindlund

### INTERMENT

St. Mary's Cemetery — Remsen, Iowa

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