



Robin Jean Miller

May 17, 1962 - December 31, 2022

Robin Jean Miller, 60, a longtime Storm Lake resident, moved into the next life with Jesus Christ on December 31, 2022 while on a short trip to Hinckley, Minnesota.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 12-2:00 p.m. at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Robin (Bird) Miller was the fourth of five children born May 17, 1962 to John and Mary Schultz of Kiron, Iowa. The Schultz's had homesteads in Ricketts and Odebolt before settling in Kiron where John opened a lumberyard which is still in operation today. Robin was baptized and confirmed at Bethel Lutheran Church in Kiron during her childhood years. She attended Ricketts, Schleswig and Denison grade schools during the 1970s before graduating from Denison High School in 1980.

Robin was a diligent worker from her teen years to present day. She was often complimented on her dedication, quality and timeliness....as quoted by one of her employers, "grass never grows under her feet."

Her work career started at the Denison Bulletin Newspaper just after

graduation with side jobs that included Cronk's Cafe where she got to speak and serve Hollywood's and It's a Wonderful Life star Donna Reed, a Denison native.

She moved to Storm Lake in the early 1980s to begin work at the Storm Lake Pilot & Tribune as a layout and design artist and work with the then modern Compugraphic Editwriters in which all layout was done in points and typed into the computer like code. Never one to stand pat, she worked at the Lake Apothecary on Lake Avenue during the same time, processing picture film. Everything from next day to one hour.

During her time at the Pilot & Tribune, Robin met her husband Jay Miller who was a student at Buena Vista College. They dated for a couple years before tying the knot on August 19, 1988. Tara (1983), TJ (1988) and Ashley (1991) made this family of five during the 1980s through today. Robin was a mother who attended her children's sport events (sometimes more than one in a day), school functions, dance recitals, fundraisers and etc. without fail. Every birthday, holiday and even a simple weekday could be made special by her smile or hug. Her children were her happiness and she worked hard to give them the love and things she deemed needed.

Robin continued her professional career as the backroom manager at Siefer Consultants in Storm Lake for over a dozen years putting together mailings and booklets as well as newsletters in the finance world. She moved to Standard Printing and Design for five years before settling into her most fulfilling job as a bookkeeper for her employer and one of her best friends, Tara Hach and Anemometry Specialists in 2007 where she worked until her untimely passing.

Robin and Jay opened Storm City Auto Parts in 2012, which is now an independent Napa store...the only auto parts store that is corporately based in

Storm Lake. Robin, beside her duties at her fulltime job, managed the bills at Storm City Auto Parts since 2013 and often worked weekends at home to balance figures. Her duties also included work with the state and national governments on payrolls taxes, insurance audits if required and much, much more.

Her passions spilled over into many things, and one was being outside. She loved to fish. She had a green thumb and had an intricate flower garden around her present home of 23 years outside of Newell. Outside of the landscaping done by her husband, Robin's natural abilities with flowers made for an elaborate and picturesque homestead. She also loved growing vegetables in the bunks made by her father and nephew from Kiron and took pride in the seven acres she helped shape. The house was always in immaculate order and clean.

An avid card player, Robin played poker and everything in-between from her teen years with parents, uncles and aunts till this day with her children, in-laws and out-laws. Though the stakes are miniscule (nickel, dime, quarter), the pride of winning a hand at the table was large. Robin and Jay also made the occasional casino run that they enjoyed together.

Most of all, she is best remembered as Grandma to her grandkids, the same warmth she had for her children carried over to her grandchildren...whether it was at her house, making tacos and 'gma burgers', riding with them in the golf cart, taking a walk down the lane with the dogs or attending their sports events, grandma was there.

Lastly, Robin was a tremendous cook. She had a penchant for making all things taste great. It began with maid-rites (taverns to some), spaghetti, pork cutlets, chicken alfredo and more. Of course, there was almost always a pan

of scotch-a-roos nearby, because she liked to have sweets around for kids and it became a staple of Miller Family Christmas' in Whittemore over the years.

Robin is survived by her husband: Jay of Storm Lake, Iowa; daughter: Tara (Andy) Kosky of Storm Lake, Iowa; son: TJ (Lexi) Miller of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; daughter: Ashley (Nick) Reuter of Grimes, Iowa; grandchildren: Breydon, Audrey, Landyn and Grayson Kosky of Storm Lake; Jaelynn Martens and Andaley Miller of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Also surviving are her parents: John and Mary Schultz of Kiron; sister: Lynne (Tim Vaughn) Petersen of Omaha, Nebraska; brother: Paul (Roxy Neuman) Schultz of Kiron; twin brother: Roland Schultz of Adel; and brother: Steve (Brandee) Schultz of Kiron.

Robin was preceded in death by her parents in-law, Dennis and Brenda Miller of Whittemore.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robin Jean Miller*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 04, 2023 at 03:55 PM



“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to Robin's family, friends, colleagues, and everyone whose lives she touched. We were cousins, grew up in the small town of Kiron, and even worked together at the Denison Newspaper doing page layouts. Robin was a naturally beautiful human being and was taken from this earth much too soon. Prayers to you all.*

Jackie Schultz Lawrence - January 09, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ *Jay and family, You are in our prayers and thoughts. Kevin and Shelley Stumpf*

Shelley Stumpf - January 07, 2023 at 01:30 PM

BS

“ To Jay and family, sending our sympathies and prayers to you. Having worked with Robin at the Pilot Tribune, I remember her as full of energy and happiness, and you Jay were the strong kinda silent person who just kept getting things done. I will always remember the kindness you showed me on many occasions. A great couple who together made a full and happy life. May you be comforted by family and wonderful memories to surround you. God bless you and hold you close. Betty Schmidt

BETTY J. SCHMIDT - January 06, 2023 at 11:59 AM

JH

“ Dear Jay and family, my sincere condolences to you. I never met Robin but have known you, Jay, since early childhood! And, what wonderful memories I have of you! Sounds like Robin was a great match for you! My advice to you and family is to treasure all those wonderful memories of a wonderful woman, Robin! God's Blessings to all! Judy Haag

Judy Haag - January 05, 2023 at 02:16 PM

KD

“ Kelly Derrick purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Robin Jean Miller.



Kelly Derrick - January 05, 2023 at 11:54 AM

MS

“ Mike Staci Struthers lit a candle in memory of Robin Miller



Mike & Staci Struthers - January 05, 2023 at 10:39 AM

CF

“ Robin was often the voice of reason that kept her brothers and I out of the hospital or worse. I can say she always made me smile and laugh. Her family (my cousins) always had something fun to do with each visit. My prayers are with her family and I know we will see her again. Chris Frandsen

Chris Frandsen - January 04, 2023 at 08:41 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 04, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.



January 04, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.*



January 04, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.*



January 04, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ *To Robin's family, I am so very sorry for your loss. My daughter Kate (Kasey), worked with Tara and Robin for a while. Fond memories. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless. Pam Tidemann*

Pamela Tidemann - January 04, 2023 at 12:24 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.*



January 03, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.*



January 03, 2023 at 10:21 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.*



January 03, 2023 at 09:48 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Robin's family. I grew up in Kiron and know her family well. Although I haven't seen her since childhood, she sounds like she grew into quite a woman with a remarkable life. A famous quote states "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years". It sounds like Robin had a lot of life in her years and will be greatly missed by her many family and friends... the sign of a life well lived. Prayers for comfort and peace to all of her family.*
Monica Gronau Vazquez



Monica Gronau Vazquez - January 03, 2023 at 08:23 PM

JH

“ *jason holtgrewe lit a candle in memory of Robin Miller*



jason holtgrewe - January 03, 2023 at 06:06 PM

ML

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Miller and Schultz families. I grew up in Kiron with Robin. So many great memories of those days. I learned to play pool in the basement of the Schultz home and also learned many a card game there! We graduated together and went separate ways, but I do hold so many memories of our youth close to my heart. Robin was a beautiful soul inside and out! I pray for your comfort and peace in the days ahead.*
Marcy (Koch) Larson

Marcy Larson - January 03, 2023 at 03:18 PM

PG

“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF ROBIN MILLER, WIFE OF JAY, & HER FAMILY. MAY SHE RIP. OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY & FRIENDS.*



JOY, PEACE & LOVE, LARY & PATTY GUMVILLE

PATTY GUNVILLE - January 03, 2023 at 03:09 PM

WM

“ WDM Marriott purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Robin Jean Miller.



WDM Marriott - January 03, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.



January 03, 2023 at 12:51 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.



January 03, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.



January 03, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.*



January 03, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ *Our sympathy to the Miller family.*



Kevin & Julie McKinney - January 03, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.*



January 03, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Karla Pickhinke lit a candle in memory of Robin Miller*



Karla Pickhinke - January 03, 2023 at 09:58 AM

TZ

“ Terry Kim Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Robin Miller



Terry and Kim Zimmerman - January 03, 2023 at 08:45 AM

PF

“ Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Robin Miller



Peg Harrington Flynn - January 02, 2023 at 11:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.



January 02, 2023 at 07:25 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.



January 02, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.*



January 02, 2023 at 06:00 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.*



January 02, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ *Great Wife, Mother, and Woman. She has her new body, rejoice!*



Jeff Myers - January 02, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ *Pat Gene Barnett lit a candle in memory of Robin Miller*



Pat and Gene Barnett - January 02, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.*



January 02, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.*



January 02, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.*



January 02, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.*



January 02, 2023 at 03:43 PM

JF

“ Jason and the NAPA Des Moines Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robin Jean Miller.



Jason and the NAPA Des Moines Family - January 02, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.



January 02, 2023 at 03:25 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.



January 02, 2023 at 02:54 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.



January 02, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robin Jean Miller.*



January 02, 2023 at 02:28 PM