

Heidi Ann (Schemmel) Miller was born on April 30, 1952, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Shirlee and Bill Schemmel of Inwood, Iowa. She graduated from Madison High School, Madison, South Dakota, in 1970, and earned her Bachelor of Nursing degree from Augustana University in 1974. Heidi then joined the USAF Nurse Corps and was stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, where she earned the rank of Captain.

Heidi married Eugene Denton “Beau” Bench on December 26, 1975, and their first child, Eric Ryan Bench, was born in 1976. She completed her military service and the family moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where their second child, Alison Leigh Bench, was born in 1979.

Heidi earned the rank of Major in the U.S. Army Reserve, where she served until 1990, and earned two advanced degrees, an MBA and a Master of Science in Allied Health.

Heidi and Beau moved their family to Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1989, where she began a long and successful career at Avera McKennan Hospital. Heidi and the children lost Beau to illness in 1991.

Heidi met her current husband Doug Miller in 2002. The two were married in 2006, and were living in Scottsdale, Arizona at the time of her passing.

Heidi was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all, and was so proud of her children and grandchildren.

Heidi passed away on Saturday, August 13, 2022. Heidi will be remembered by all that knew her - her love, grace, and kindness will not end with her death.

Heidi is survived by her husband, Doug Miller, two loving children, Eric and Alison, two grandsons, Denton Bench and Samuel Wilson, two step-children (Kimberly Kennedy and Ryan Miller) four step grandchildren (Kate Kennedy, Grace Kennedy, Henry Miller and Caroline Miller), and six siblings (Jeff Schemmel, Holly Lanzner, Jerry Schemmel, Jed Schemmel, Jason Schemmel, and Joel Schemmel).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Augustana Nursing program. Please write any checks out to “Augustana Nursing Program” and include Heidi’s name on the memo line.

*Remembering the Life of  
Heidi Ann Miller  
1952 ~ 2022*

**MEMORIAL MASS**

10:00 AM, Saturday, October 1, 2022  
Church of St. Mary  
Larchwood, Iowa

**CELEBRANT**

Father Sunny Dominic

**ORGANIST**

Carolyn Hein

**CANTOR**

Amy Snyders

**ORDER OF MASS**

Opening Hymn	<i>“Be Not Afraid”</i>	Curt Bol
1st Reading	Isaiah 25:6-9	Grandson, Denton Bench
Psalm 23		
2nd Reading	Romans 8:35-39	Grandson, Samuel Wilson
Gospel	John 14:1-4	
Homily		
Intercessions		Granddaughters, Kate & Grace Kennedy
Offertory Hymn	<i>“Here I Am Lord”</i>	
Communion Hymn	<i>“You Are Near”</i>	
Eulogies		Koni Schiller ~ Jeff Schemmel ~ Alison Bench
Closing Hymn	<i>“On Eagle’s Wings”</i>	

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Denton Bench ~ Samuel Wilson ~ Kate Kennedy  
Grace Kennedy ~ Henry Miller ~ Caroline Miller

**MILITARY RITES**

Offutt Air Force Honor Guard  
Inwood American Legion

**INURNMENT**

Richland Cemetery  
Inwood, Iowa

*Heidi’s family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship at the Inwood Community Center following the inurnment at Richland Cemetery.*