

Marlene Mae was born on May 6th, 1935 the oldest of five children to John and Dora (Denk) Baumann.

On November 25, 1955 she married Wilford Miller, they made their home in a small two room house on Wilford's parents' farm. They had only a wood stove, no running water or indoor bathroom. The couple had a very unique outhouse – a three holer—two adult size and one cut down for children. In 1965, they added propane heat, running water and a water heater. About 1967, the Millers moved up the road about a mile and built a garage and set a mobile home on the acreage. In the early 1980's the couple moved a modular home on the property where they still reside.

Marlene worked a variety of jobs: the food counter at Woolworths, cleaning cabins at both Blakes on Lake Andrew and Geneva Beach. Marlene didn't like Uncle Sam getting a chunk of her paycheck so she always preferred working for cash – she really, really liked getting paid in cash!

Marlene enjoyed crocheting, quilting, sewing, and baking. She looked forward to getting together with Laurel, Sandy and Carol to sew quilts. If you really wanted to make her excited give her a new crochet pattern magazine. She has bags and storage tubs of yarn. She was always working on a blanket or project to crochet. If she knew banana bread was your favorite when you came to visit you got banana bread. On holidays and birthdays she would make multiple pies, bars, cookies, dipped pretzels and rozettes – there would be ice cream pails full to munch on.

If on a nice summer evening you drove past the landing on Lake Victoria, you might catch her out on the dock fishing. She enjoyed going to other lakes too but that big dock on Lake Victoria was the best. She loved to eat fish. Music was another thing she enjoyed – in her younger years she played the accordian and later on in life the organ. She loved the old songs and if there was dancing her toes would tap until someone asked her to dance – she loved to dance.

Bargain hunting was another hobby she had – thrift shops- garage sales and in later years – the Dollar Store. She would proudly display her latest find! She also enjoyed going to the casino. If she could get there those penny slots got a good workout. She loved the chance to win big. But her biggest excitement was when that Publisher Clearing House entry arrived. She was insistent – she would be the next winner! Had to get that mailed back ASAP!!

With her Birthday being May 6th, just before Mothers Day – family always made sure she got blooming flowers for both. She loved getting pots of happy blooming flowers to put about the house and yard. Her favorite are tulips, peonies, iris, and lilies. They always brought a smile when she got them. Marlene passed away on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. She is survived by her husband, Wilford, three children: Mark (Dolly), Cindy Miller, Sally (Joe) Sletten; six grandchildren: four great grandchildren, two brothers. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, and brother.

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

In Loving Memory of

Marlene Mae Miller

May 6, 1935 † February 15, 2022

Funeral Service

Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota
Monday, February 21, 2022
11:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Marilee Bergerson

Pallbearers

Troy Baumann
Josh Tomford
Leland Lamm

Kevin Baumann
Tanner Lamm
Peyton Hale

Burial

Nelson Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota