



Monika Annemarie Miller

August 26, 1943 - December 18, 2016

Monika Annemarie Miller, age 73, longtime resident of Laurie, passed away Sunday, December 18, 2016, at her home.

She was born August 26, 1943, in Brobek-Karf, Germany, the daughter of the late Theodor and Henrietta (Kowalczyk) Scholthaus.

She was united in marriage on August 14, 1968, to Oda Howard Miller, who preceded her in death on September 16, 1983.

Monika was a devoted wife and mother, and did her best to take care of those she loved, though it wasn't always easy. In the early days of her marriage, life as a military spouse meant moving from place to place, sometimes weeks apart from Howard, and oftentimes feeling like a single mother. However, Monika was never afraid of hard work. She was stubborn, knew how to stretch pennies, and kept the house running smoothly. Years later, when Howard was diagnosed with and later died of cancer, Monika continued to do her best to take care of those she loved, staying by his side until his death, then picking up the pieces and carrying on afterward.

She would probably tell you that marrying Howard was the best thing she ever did because, not only did she marry the love of her life, she became the mother of his three children, Christa, David, and Steve, then a few years later

adding their daughter Michelle to make it a family of six – not quite the Brady Bunch, but something pretty close to it. She loved her children and was very proud of them.

Marrying Howard is also what eventually brought her to the Lake of the Ozarks, specifically Laurie, Missouri. Monika loved the lake area and the people who lived there. Everyone in Laurie knew the tall, lovely lady with the thick German accent. From her years working at the Laurie Market to her time as a volunteer at the Ozark Kat and K9 Thrift Shop, and all the places in between, she was a well-known and well-loved person in the town she called home. She loved her friends and enjoyed spending time with them, whether it was having a beer at Chances R, a morning chat on the phone, or a quick shopping trip to Osage Beach.

Monika was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Sunrise Beach and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. She volunteered with the Christmas Angels and Ozarks Kat and K9 Thrift Shop (formerly known as S.T.A.F.F) in Sunrise Beach for many years.

Her favorite hobbies included flower gardening, feeding the deer and birds at her home, and enjoying the company of her beloved dog, Heidi.

She is survived by her children, Michelle Gerlt and husband J.T. of Versailles, Missouri; Christa Bonds and husband Mark of China Spring, Texas; David Miller of Shreveport, Louisiana; and Steve Miller and wife Sheila of Wooldridge, Missouri; five grandchildren Amber Hawkins and husband Jeremy, Wendi Abed-Rabboh and husband David, Brett Gerlt and wife Hannah, Lindsey Miller, and Matt Bruce; two great-grandchildren, Gavin Hawkins and Landrie Hawkins; and many friends.

A celebration of Monika's life will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December

22nd, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel with Pastor Lora Cunningham officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home. Graveside services and inurnment will follow in Garber Memorial Estates. Memorial contributions are suggested to Ozarks Kat and K9 Shelter and Thrift Shop or to Disabled American Veterans.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Garber Memorial Estates

417 Silvey Rd.
Laurie, MO 65038
(573) 374-7688

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel
417 Silvey Rd.
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Celebration of Life

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Cindy Campbell lit a candle in memory of
Monika Annemarie Miller*



Cindy Campbell - December 27, 2016 at 12:39 PM



“ *Peggy Powell Penrod lit a candle in memory
of Monika Annemarie Miller*



Peggy Powell Penrod - December 24, 2016 at 07:53 PM

MS

“ *Tim and I always enjoyed talking with Monica. We feel very
fortunate to have known her and even more so to be considered her
friend. We will truly miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are for her
and her family.*

Tim and Maureen Stealey

Maureen Stealey - December 21, 2016 at 08:44 PM

BE

“ *we truly will miss her. So pleasant and always smiling. Extending
our deepest sympathy to all the family.*

Bill,Angie Ernst

Bill ,Angie Ernst - December 21, 2016 at 03:51 PM

DL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dave & Lynn - December 21, 2016 at 11:26 AM

DL

Dave & Lynn Dibble will truly miss Monika's smile and hugs! She was a beautiful woman, with a smile that would light up the room. Rest in peace with Howard Monica, we will all miss you.

Dave & Lynn - December 21, 2016 at 11:30 AM


Chelsea
Washburn
Counts

“ *Monika will truly be missed. She's was a great friend to all. I can remember being a little girl when my fathet first introduced me to her she was always a joy to be around. Loved coming to work at chances r and hear her tell me stories of my dad. I am very glad I had the privilege of kbow this wonderful lady! May yoy rest in peace.*



Chelsea Washburn Counts - December 20, 2016 at 06:40 PM

KR

“ *Always a SMILE on her face and always said Hi. Miss that SMILE*

Kay Reeves - December 20, 2016 at 03:01 PM

JP

“ *John And Marie Pyke lit a candle in memory of Monika Annemarie Miller*



John and Marie Pyke - December 20, 2016 at 12:54 PM

JP

My dear lady you will be so missed.

John and Marie Pyke - December 20, 2016 at 12:55 PM

TK

“ *Michelle and J. T., Yvonne and I are thinking of you and remembering you in prayer in the passing of your mother and mother-in-law. Thank you for your faithfulness to Glensted UMC. We did not know of Mrs. Miller's being born in Germany during World War II, until we read her obituary. May your memories and our Lord comfort you during this time.*



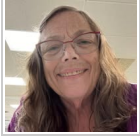
Tom & Yvonne Kerr - December 20, 2016 at 10:51 AM

LE

“ *Linda And Richard Enyart lit a candle in memory of Monika Annemarie Miller*



Linda and Richard Enyart - December 20, 2016 at 09:43 AM



“ *Judi Thomas Yakab lit a candle in memory of
Monika Annemarie Miller*



Judi Thomas Yakab - December 20, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“ *Judy Dunnaway lit a candle in memory of
Monika Annemarie Miller*



Judy Dunnaway - December 20, 2016 at 08:35 AM



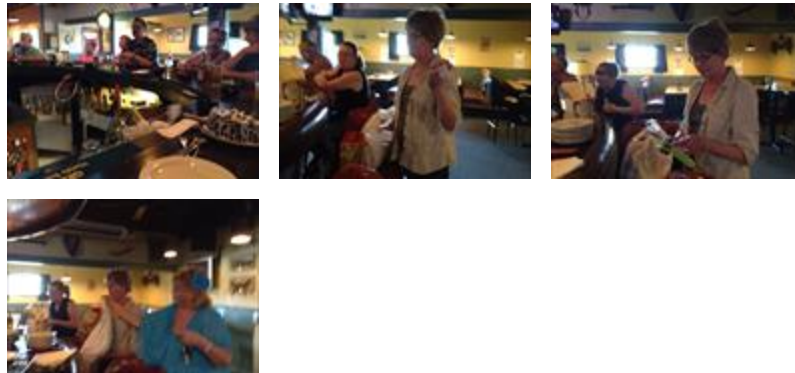
“ *Susann Huff lit a candle in memory of Monika
Annemarie Miller*



Susann Huff - December 20, 2016 at 08:22 AM

CB

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Char Baxley - December 20, 2016 at 04:53 AM

CB

“ Char Baxley lit a candle in memory of Monika Annemarie Miller



Char Baxley - December 20, 2016 at 04:41 AM

JS

“ Joan Shepp lit a candle in memory of Monika Annemarie Miller



Joan Shepp - December 19, 2016 at 05:19 PM

MM

“ Michele Miller lit a candle in memory of
Monika Annemarie Miller



Michele Miller - December 19, 2016 at 02:58 PM

MM

So many good memories. She was a beautiful lady. My thoughts and prayers for all the family.

Michele Miller - December 19, 2016 at 03:00 PM

PR

Pat and Mike Ray will miss you so much you were a beautiful Lady and a good friend. Love you my Friend my thoughts and prayers are with the Family.

Patricia Ray - December 19, 2016 at 03:17 PM

JS

My thoughts and prayers are with you, Michelle and J. T., and rest of your Mom's family.

Joan Shepp - December 19, 2016 at 05:20 PM

CB

To the Family my prayers go out to you for you're loss. Will miss seeing you at the CR we had a lot of laughs and fun, with love, char

Char Baxley - December 20, 2016 at 04:38 AM

ES

*My thoughts & prayers are with the family. We have lost a beautiful person! You will never be forgotten.
Ellen Skinner*

ellen skinner - December 20, 2016 at 08:08 AM