



## Brenda J. Miller

August 11, 1943 - September 15, 2015

Brenda J. Miller, 72, of Bourbonnais passed away on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at her home. She was born on August 1, 1943 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Vera Sommers. She married Richard W. Miller. He preceded her in death on February 4, 2012.

Brenda was the lead singer and bassist in 14 Karat Gold, a local area band. She also taught 2nd grade at Mark Twain Primary School in Kankakee. Brenda attended Kankakee Gospel Assembly with her good friend Monica Clark. She enjoyed spending time with her family and her grandchildren, and spending time with her friends at the Bradley American Legion and the family "Tiki Bar". She and her husband, Richard, loved racing and spent many Friday nights at Kankakee Speedway, as well as attending other races.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law Troy and Diane Miller of Bourbonnais; five grandchildren Nikki Memenga and fiancé Charlie Hall, Brittney Rocknowski, Lacey Rocknowski, Melissa Bailey and Chase Miller; and three great-grandchildren Gabriella and Brayden Memenga and Katie Wilkins. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Tyese Bailey and grandson Dennis Memenga.

Per her wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 3pm – 5pm at Clancy-Gernon

Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Visitation will be followed by dinner at Bradley American Legion. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley ([hkvcares.org](http://hkvcares.org))

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **19.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ Troy Miller lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller



Troy miller - February 11, 2017 at 08:46 AM



“ Diane Painter-Miller lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller



Diane Painter-Miller - March 07, 2016 at 07:21 PM

TT

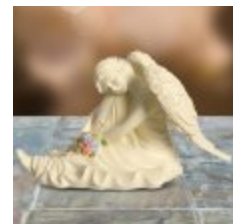
“ Love and miss u so much. What a wonderful woman. Fly with the angels my friend.



tina torres - September 19, 2015 at 08:03 PM



“ Platinum - Serene Angel was purchased for the family of Brenda J. Miller.



September 19, 2015 at 12:12 PM

MP

“ *My condolences to the family. ...RIP Brenda Miller*



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**Mary Ann Parsons** - September 19, 2015 at 12:08 PM

TK

“ *Our Sympathy for the Miller family  
Tommy & Debbie Kroll*



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**Tommy Kroll** - September 19, 2015 at 12:00 PM

JS

“ *My Sympathy to you and yours ~ Peace be with you ...*

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**Jeff C Satterwhite** - September 19, 2015 at 11:14 AM

TR

“ *That is a Lady that'll truly be missed. She was always a pleasure to meet and always made me feel like we were best friends no matter how long it had been that we'd seen each other. Played music with her and I can always say I'm glad I was friends with Her and Dick Miller.*

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**Timothy Rehmer** - September 19, 2015 at 09:04 AM

KW

“ We will miss you dearly Brenda love Brian and Kelly wirtz



Kelly wirtz - September 18, 2015 at 04:56 PM

SN

“ Smitty & Nan lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller



Smitty & Nan - September 18, 2015 at 04:49 PM

SN

We will truly miss her. Loved our Saturday nights at the Legion with her. Smitty & Nan

Smitty and Nan - September 18, 2015 at 04:51 PM

MG

“ Mark And Diane Glassford lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller



mark and diane glassford - September 17, 2015 at 09:19 PM

Lea  
Cotton

“ *Lea Cotton lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller*



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**Lea Cotton** - September 17, 2015 at 09:05 PM

CW

“ *Chelle Wingo lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller*



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**Chelle wingo** - September 17, 2015 at 07:54 PM

AD

“ *AJ & Kim Dixon lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller*



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**AJ & Kim Dixon** - September 17, 2015 at 03:16 PM

NM

“ *I love you so much grandma and I miss you so much. Always watch over us.*



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**Nikki Memenga** - September 17, 2015 at 01:48 PM

TS

“ *Teray Spence lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller*



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**Teray Spence** - September 17, 2015 at 08:24 AM



“ *Dennis Dunlavey lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller*



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**Dennis Dunlavey** - September 17, 2015 at 06:54 AM

DR

“ *Your going to be missed by all of us. Your smile was breathtaking it will remain in my heart forever.*



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**donna rinaldi** - September 17, 2015 at 05:10 AM

JO

“ *Joe lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller*



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**Joe** - September 16, 2015 at 10:30 PM

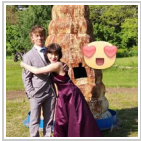


“❤️ *My Deepest Sympathies to Troy, Di and the rest of your family. You were TRULY one of a kind and will be sorely missed! We never got to do our family dinner, but I know that YOU know how much we ALL love you! Give Mom, Dad n Dick kisses from me...fly high sweet Angel!* ❤️



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**Chris Morse Waller** - September 16, 2015 at 10:05 PM



“ *Brenda was a 1st class Lady, it was an honor to know her. rest in peace my friend you will be missed*



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**Suzanne G Ward** - September 16, 2015 at 09:55 PM



“ *Debi Kempen lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller*



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**Debi Kempen** - September 16, 2015 at 09:35 PM

TI

“ I'm lighting this candle in memory of two great individual's who have touched our lives in so many ways. Mr. Duck and Miss. Brenda were just like family to us and we loved them both so much. They are now together in heaven singing and dancing the day away. We love you so much Tim, Michelle, and Kevin!!!



Tim - September 16, 2015 at 09:24 PM

TI

Guess I should have proof read its obviously Mr. Dick

Tim - September 16, 2015 at 09:26 PM



“ Didn't know Brenda long but the moment we met I knew what a wonderful woman she was.....my heart goes out to friends Troy and Diane and their family .....my you take comfort in knowing she is at rest and watching over you



Thomas Rosan - September 16, 2015 at 08:38 PM

RC

“ *She was my best friend (Troy's) mother but she was also my friend. She always welcomed me to her home and treated me as though I was one of her own. She will not be with us now physically but I somehow feel safer knowing that she will be watching over all of us with Richard by her side. I loved her for her beautiful personality and her fiery zest for her life. However, I'm most thankful for her ability as a mother. She instilled some of her best characteristics into her son and my best friend. The Coburns will miss you dearly Brenda and we will meet again in paradise. We love you Miller family!! Troy "Crash" , Diane and my favorite little buddy Chase Richard Miller!!!!!!*

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**Richard Coburn** - September 16, 2015 at 08:18 PM

 Karen Goeing

“ *Karen Goeing lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller*



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**Karen Goeing** - September 16, 2015 at 07:56 PM

RC

“ *Robin Campbell lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller*



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**robin Campbell** - September 16, 2015 at 07:46 PM

Gail  
Oliver

“ *Gail Oliver lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller*

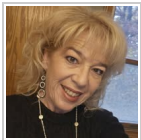


Gail Oliver - September 16, 2015 at 07:20 PM



“ *Mom. ..how does one say goodbye to you. . You will live forever in our thoughts, or hearts. . Thank you for all the talks, the intimate little mom to daughter jokes. .lunches at Ryan's. .tiki shenanigans. .but above all, thanks for being kind, thanks for your friendship, your understanding. .out wad truly an honor to be your friend, and a blessing to be your daughter. .i love you so much,...p.s. throw feathers. Di*

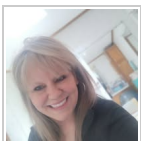
Diane Painter-Miller - September 16, 2015 at 06:57 PM



“ *You were one of the most amazing woman I know. You had a big heart and welcomed me into your life like your own family. You were always there for me. I Love you and Miss you Dearly!*



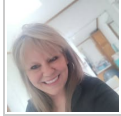
Krystal Tofari - September 16, 2015 at 06:49 PM



“ *Diane Painter-Miller lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller*



Diane Painter-Miller - September 16, 2015 at 06:47 PM



*Missing you so much mom. .my heart is empty. .your room once warm and inviting.,is now cold and empty. . Thanks for always being kind to me mom. . Your a true Angel in every way. .love always, your daughter. .Di*

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**Diane Painter-Miller** - September 16, 2015 at 06:49 PM

JH

“ *Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Brenda J. Miller*



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**Joelene Hays** - September 16, 2015 at 03:50 PM