



Mary Jo Miller

December 1, 1939 - August 18, 2008

Mary Jo Miller -- St. Anne Visitation for Mary Jo Miller, 68, of St. Anne, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Anne Catholic Church. The Rev. James Fanale will officiate. Burial will be in St. Anne Catholic Church Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Anne Catholic Church, where she was a member. She died Monday (Aug. 18, 2008) at her home. Mrs. Miller was born Dec. 1, 1939, in Chicago, the daughter of James and Joanne Ryan Neville. Her first husband, Martin Gillan, whom she married April 19, 1958, in Chicago, died Jan. 18, 1972. She was a member of the Leader of Songs, the Red Hat Society and the Ladies Sodality at her church. Surviving are her husband, James Miller, whom she married Aug. 11, 1972, in Maywood; four sons and daughters-in-law, Col. Daniel and Andrea Gillan of Albany, Ga., Martin and Mary Ann Gillan of Necedah, Wis., Lt. Col. Andrew and Marie Gillan of Tel Aviv, Israel, Thomas Gillan of Coral Springs, Fla.; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Christine Popp of Necedah, Joanne and Gary Kohls of Sleepy Hollow, Mary Lu and Terry McGonigal of St. Anne, Patricia and Jack Mills of Plainfield; 38 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and two brothers and one sister-in-law, James Neville of Kankakee, John and Jacquie Neville of Sterling. Deceased are her first husband, Martin Gillan; two granddaughters, Megan and Heather Gillan; and her parents.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Marty our prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Ron & Jenny Burch##imported-end##*

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“ *Perry and family, Mary Jo was such a delight to know. Please know that you all are in my prayers, and let me know if there is anything your church family can do. It was a pleasure to meet all of your family at Mary Jo's wake, i; ½but I wish it could have been under different circumstances. Sincerely, Susie##imported-begin##Susie Smith##imported-end##*

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“ Margaret & I send our deepest condolences to the entire family of Mary Jo upon her passing from this earth.

Mary Jo leading the church to sing at Saturday & Sunday Masses at St. Anne's Catholic Church weekly will not be forgotten; as well as she attending these Masses with Perry & family, as she was lead by brother James at the organ/piano.

This small amount of time at the St. Anne Church will definitely leave an indelible mark upon all of us for this leadership role.

May Mary Jo's soul rest in peace.

Bill & Margaret Trompeter

St. Anne

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“ So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Diane Gillan##imported-end##

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“ I can still feel your hand, mom. Your courage will inspire us always. Anthony and I will keep singing this song from Melissa Etheridge in your memory:

Bravely you let go of my hand
I can't speak yet you understand
Where I go now I go alone
This path I walk these days of stone

And the angels are calling
[Chorus:]
I must go away
Wait for me here
Silently stay
And don't ask me why
Only believe
This is not good bye
All of my strength all my desire
Still cannot melt this breath of fire
I go to meet some kind of test
Bury the truth that scars my chest

And the angels are calling and calling
[Chorus]
I gathered all my courage
I shaved off all my fear
With this banner on my shoulder
I hold your essence near

And the angels are calling and calling and calling
##imported-begin##Joanne Mary Kohls##imported-end##

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“ Dear Cousin,

You have lived a life to make us all proud and grateful; you were the valiant woman of the Bible with a generous dash of Ryan and Neville wicked humor! You will be so missed by your beautiful family.

Perry, how very sad we all are for your terrible loss. Mary Jo loved you so much; you have been a strong rock to her and the family. God bless you.

Love to you from all the Andersens
##imported-begin##Judy and Olaf Andersen##imported-end##

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“ LtCol Gillan, words cannot adequately express our sympathy for you and your family during this time of grief. The loss of a parent is indescribable, and I know that you were especially close to your Mother. I wish to personally convey the sympathy of not only myself but also that of the entire INDC staff. Being a part of our INDC family, we offer our support to you and also to Marie, Joshua, and Kyle during your time of sorrow. Please do not hesitate to call upon any of us if you feel it necessary.

We, here in Israel, share your mourning and offer our deepest condolences. ÿ½

##imported-begin##Maj. Gen. Gershon Hacohen##imported-end##

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“ Perry -- My family and I are sending our sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time. ÿ½May God watch over you as you remember Mary Jo.

##imported-begin##Linda O'Leary##imported-end##

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“ *THE PLAN OF THE MASTER WEAVER*
My life is but a weaving
Between the Lord and me.
I may not choose the colors,
He knows what they should be;
For He can view the pattern
Upon the upper side
Wile I can see it only
On this, the under side.
Sometimes He weaveth sorrow,
Which seemeth strange to me:
But I will trust his judgement
And work on faithfully;
'Tis He who fills the shuttle,
and He knows what is best.
So I shall weave in earnest,
Leaving to Him the rest.
Not 'til the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why-
The dark threads are as needed
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.###imported-begin###*Frank W. Rossi*###imported-end###

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“ *MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES*###imported-begin###*MIKE WYSS*###imported-end###

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“ *Marty,*
My prayers are with you and your family. She will watch from above and smile.###imported-begin###*Margy Boudreau*###imported-end###

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“ Marty - My deepest sympathy to you and your family in this time of sorrow. We are never ready to say goodbye to those we love - let your wonderful memories embrace you at this time of need. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Bobbi Southworth & Family
##imported-begin##Bobbi Southworth##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

##imported-begin##Mandie Dixon##imported-end##

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