

VISITATION

Saturday; January 21, 2023; 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
Faith Lutheran Church; Orange City, Iowa

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday; January 21, 2023; 9:00 a.m.
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CLERGYMAN

The Rev. Joseph Bangert

ORGANIST

Patty Bracker

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Be Still My Soul”

Orange City Music Makers

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“Amazing Grace”

“Jesus Savior, Pilot Me”

“It Is Well with My Soul”

CASKET BEARERS

Terry Wass David Miller
Scott Buchholtz Jeff Kliegl
Raef Huffman Toby Huffman
 Hayes Wass

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Steve Miller Micah Hagan

INTERMENT

Saturday; January 21, 2023; 2:30 p.m.
Hampton City Cemetery; Hampton, Iowa
The Rev. Karl Bollhagen, clergyman

*Following the service, before proceeding to the cemetery,
relatives and friends are invited to join the family in the
church fellowship hall for brunch and fellowship.*

Memorials may be given to the Miller Family for future designation.



IN MEMORY OF

Shirley J. Miller

Shirley Ann was born on October 5, 1945, in Washington, D.C., the daughter of James B. and Marjorie Louise (Rice) McMath. After high school graduation, she attended a two-year college and worked in various secretarial positions.

She was united in marriage to Raymond Henry Miller on May 15, 1976, in Mason City. They made their home in Terril, Iowa, and Walton, Indiana, until May of 2011, when they moved to Orange City. Shirley's love for children led her to work in childcare in Mason City and Terril. Upon moving to Walton to care for her parents, she worked at the YMCA preschool and eventually decided to offer in-home childcare where the children of Walton blossomed. Her creativity and passion for children motivated her into opening her own daycare/preschool. Her life's ambition touched so many children and their families; some continued to reach out to her in their teenage years to share memories of tea parties, Christmas pageants, learning activities, field trips and more! Shirley spent almost 25 years forming the youth of her communities and inspiring them to do great things!

Shirley joined a church community everywhere she lived and had a gift for making friends with her positive attitude and smiling face. She was an active participant and volunteer in each parish and her faith grew, inspiring her friends and community to live better. Shirley loved music and jumped at the opportunity to join the Hoosiers Strings Players in Indiana. A lovely group of people spent time teaching her to play the dulcimer. She was dedicated to learning and the group would perform at various events in town. When Shirley moved to Orange City, she missed being part of a "band" so Shirley took it upon herself to create the Orange City Area Music Makers. She recruited members and taught them to play the dulcimer! The group held "jam sessions" in her home and were hired to play "gigs" at different events and venues bringing delight to all who attended. She was the leader of the tight knit group that will continue making the music she loved.

Shirley loved to camp! She was the queen of retrofit! After camping in a pop-up camper and camper trailer in Mason City, she got creative when moving to Orange City by converting a minivan into a "glamper" using her eclectic design skills. Later she purchased a motorcycle camper and after deciding she needed

more room, she purchased a cargo van and did yet another conversion into a cozy camper. She spent many weekends camping with her grand-dog and with family. Shirley loved to vacation with family, watch movies, and read mystery novels. She created unique, wonderful visits for everyone, making special memories along the way.

Amidst all this, Shirley was a loving caretaker to both her parents and her husband, Ray. As their health declined, she took meticulous notes and was the best advocate during their extended illnesses and battles. Her faith gave her and her family strength during those trying times. Ray passed away on February 22, 2013, after more than 36 years of marriage.

Shirley was born to eternal life at the age of 77 years, 3 months, and 14 days, on January 19, 2023, in Orange City.

Survivors include her five children, Terrence Wass, and his wife, Shari, of Wind Lake, Wisconsin; Caprice, and her husband, Scott Buchholtz, of Orange City; Nichole, and her husband, Jeff Kliegl, of Alton; David Miller, and his wife, Ruthie, of Mason City; and Steven Miller, of Marion, Iowa; nine grandchildren, Hayes and Abby Wass; Alex Doyle; Jaquie Gades; Toby and Raef Huffman; Raya Ransom; Riley Kliegl; Morgan Thorsbakken; Cody Buchholtz; and Sydney Buchholtz; eleven great-grandchildren; and a brother and his wife, James B. and Nancy McMath, of Frankfort, Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

And we know that in all things

God works for the good

of those who love him,

who have been called

according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28