



Nancy R. Miller

September 21, 1926 - June 17, 2014

On June 17, 2014 Nancy R. Miller, 87, long time resident of Sisters, Oregon, died peacefully at her home listening to her favorite music with her husband and son. Nan was born September 21, 1926 in Utica, New York, the daughter of the late Josephine C. and Wallace C. Roberts. She graduated from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri in 1948. Shortly thereafter, she married William N. Miller, also of Utica and now Sisters. Their 66 years together included helping her husband Bill earn his Masters in Psychology at Colgate University which followed his years of WWII service with the 10th Mountain Division Ski Troops. They experienced decades of adventures and world travel while working for the CIA where Nan was an administrative assistant for the agency at Bills stations in the Marianna Islands, The Philippines, Vietnam and Thailand. Nan never experienced retirement in the normal sense. She became a vital part of many community endeavors for which she will be long remembered. She was involved in pioneering the statewide SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) program and was one of the prime movers behind the founding of the Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store. These and other activities contributed to her being honored as Sisters Citizen of the Year in 1994. She faced a debilitating lung disease with the same upbeat attitude she demonstrated throughout her life. As a non-smoker with a lung disease she never uttered why me? Instead, she felt she had been the lucky recipient of a life that was full, fun, rewarding, exciting and left nothing on her lifes bucket list. Nan was preceded in death by her beloved son Gregg

F. Miller and brother Wallace S. Roberts. She is survived by her husband Bill; son Gary N. Miller (wife Beckie Zimmerman) of Sisters; a sister Josephine Marsh of Redmond, WA.; a brother Charles W. Roberts (wife Lee), of Taos NM; 3 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Numerous nieces and nephews are spread from New England to the West Coast. Nan made it clear to her family that she did not want any big gathering. The family suggests that friends and acquaintances just reminisce whenever they get together, raise a coffee cup to Nan and, if they are not already volunteers, to sign up with Habitat or Hospice and/or send them a nice donation in her memory.

Funeral Home:

Redmond Memorial Chapel

717 SW 6th Street

Redmond, OR

US 97756

Tribute Wall

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“Nan was a dear friend and an inspiration because of her service to the Sisters community. She was always ready to help with a project that benefited children and the less fortunate. She fully deserves all the compliments she received, although usually too modest to acknowledge them. We will miss her so much. What an exciting and full life she lived!

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“To Nans family, I feel so thankful that I knew Nan. I shopped at the Sisters Habitat for years and didnt meet Nan until about 2009. I had so much fun with Nan, seeing her in the store and and getting to see her Prius, so I could beat my son in our Prius spotting contest for whoever spotted the most in a day would win. Then I was fascinated when she told me about her life with Bill and the work they did for the CIA. Then I read about her helping start the Habitat store that has been a blessing to our family. I was surprised to see that she passed away. If I would have known that she had a lung disease, I would have liked to have told her how much her friendship meant to me! She was a jewel and she left a special memory for so many to benefit from. She will be greatly missed. My love to her family, Lynda Urquhart

Lynda Urquhart - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM