



## Susan Jane Miller

August 9, 1954 - September 23, 2018

Susan J. Miller, age 64, of Marion, IL, passed away peacefully with her family by her side at 1:08 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Sunday, September 23, 2018, at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, OH.

She was born on Monday, August 9, 1954, in Herrin, IL to Sam and Marjorie Jane (Holland) Stotlar.

Susan was united in marriage to Brian Miller Saturday, August 14, 1976 and they shared over 42 years of marriage.

Susan was a 1972 graduate of Herrin High School, and a 1976 graduate of Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL where she received her Bachelor Degree in Vocal Performance and Music Education. She was a member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority.

In college she won the title of "Miss Charleston" and was runner-up in the "Miss Illinois" pageant.

Music has always been a very important part of her life. Early in her career she performed live on stage at Six Flags Over Texas and Six Flags Over Mid-America in St. Louis, MO.

Susan was an award winning choir director at Crockett Jr. High in Irving, Texas. Her husband's career with Ford Motor Company brought her talents to churches wherever they lived. Since her move back to the area she became a member of The Journey Church of Marion and was a member of P. E.O Chapter MN, in Marion, IL

Susan loved spending time with her family, especially her sons their wives and grandchildren. She traveled often to visit her sons and their families.

She is survived by her husband, Brian Miller of Marion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Adrienne Miller of Oakland, MI and Bradley and Krystina Miller of Carbondale, CO; five grandchildren, McKinley, Ryder, Easton and Ellie Jane Miller all of Oakland, MI and Parker Miller of Carbondale, CO; her mother Marjorie J. Stotlar, Marion, brother Rob Stotlar and his wife Kim, Marion and three nephews, Brock Stotlar of St. Louis, MO, Tory Stotlar and his wife Lauren of Creve Coeur, MO and Phillip Hartnett and his wife Sonny of Montgomery, AL; mother-in-law, Nancy Miller of Basalt, CO; two sisters-in-law, Carrie Hartnett and her husband Pat of San Antonio, TX and Ellen Rice and her husband Keith of Basalt, CO.

She was preceded in death by her father Sam Stotlar; brother, David Stotlar and father-in-

law, Raleigh Miller, Jr.

Arrangements were entrusted to Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home, 900 North Court Street, Marion, IL.

The time of visitation was from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at The Journey Church, located at 9835 Old Bainbridge Trail in Marion.

During the visitation a "Reflection of Life" DVD Memorial Tribute was presented to the family and friends and featured special people, places, and events of Susan's life.

Following the time of visitation the funeral service was at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Jordan Byrd presiding.

The prelude and postlude musical selections were presented by pianist, April Burkhart. Special vocal musical selections presented during the service were "When We All Get to Heaven" and "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" both presented by Karen Malkovich McClusky accompanied by April Burkhart on the piano. Special recorded vocal musical selection presented during the service was "Set Me as a Seal."

Special comments of memory presented during the service were by Allen Bashour, Nancy Sohn-Simon, Jeffrey Miller, and Bradley Miller.

Interment followed in Rose Hill Cemetery of Marion.

Those serving as pallbearers were Jeff Miller, Brad Miller, Brock Stotlar, Tory Stotlar, Phillip Hartnett, and Pat Hartnett.

A special song was presented at the graveside by the ladies of Sigma Kappa Sorority.

Following the graveside committal service at the cemetery, family and friends gathered at Mackie's Pizza for a meal and continued time of fellowship and support.

For those who preferred, memorial contributions were made to "Achroma Corp" a research fund for a rare eye disease, and mailed in care of Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home, 900 N. Court Street, Marion, IL 62959. Memorial envelopes were available at the funeral home and the church. For those who would like more information, please visit their website at [achromacorp.org](http://achromacorp.org). If making memorial contribution directly online please designate contribution in memory of "Susan J. Miller".

For more information call the funeral home at 618-993-2131.

# Cemetery

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**Rose Hill Cemetery**  
1445 North Court Street  
Marion, IL, 62959

# Events

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**SEP 29 Visitation** 11:00AM - 02:00PM  
The Journey Church  
9835 Old Bainbridge Trail, Marion, IL, US, 62959

**SEP 29 Funeral Service** 02:00PM  
The Journey Church  
9835 Old Bainbridge Trail, Marion, IL, US, 62959

# Comments

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“ Susan was such a beautiful lady...inside and out..always smiling and loving all. I loved making cards for her mother, and good friends.. she was a great friend in St. James.

She was loved by all. God received an angel on Sept. 23.

Brian sending you and your family prayers of peace and comfort. Vickie Gunn

**Vickie Gunn** - October 05, 2018 at 09:48 AM

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“ My heartfelt sympathy to Brian, and the entire family. I felt so bad that I could not make it down for the funeral. Please know that you have all been in my thoughts and prayers continuously. Susan was beautiful inside and out and left a huge mark on my life and heart. She was one of the most loving, compassionate and thoughtful friends I have ever had. I was so blessed to move across from the Millers in 1997 in Rochester, MI. Susan will forever be in my heart.

**Lonni** - September 30, 2018 at 08:13 AM

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“ I went to Herrin High School with Susan. She was a very pretty girl and woman. My sincere condolences to her family ....Pamela Smith Rosensteel

**Pamela Rosensteel** - September 27, 2018 at 10:11 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Jane Miller.



September 27, 2018 at 05:07 PM

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“ Susan loved music and played the piano beautifully. She played for a skit her P.E.O. Chapter in Southport, NC presented in January 2013. Several members participated and we all had a good time, as Susan would direct us on our lines and fill in with playing the piano. Susan was a very warm person and she will be missed by many. My sympathy to the family on Susan's passing. Diane Kuebert



“ What a beautiful lady inside and out. I am glad I had to pleasure of meeting her. My heart hurts for all of the family she left behind. I know you will cherish the wonderful memories and fun times you have all had with Susan.

Wanda Cain - September 27, 2018 at 01:28 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Susan Jane Miller.



September 27, 2018 at 09:46 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Susan's passing. I always admired Susan in high school and her amazing musical talent. She was always so kind and had the best smile. Our prayers are with you- Gretchen Jack Fleming

gretchen jack fleming - September 26, 2018 at 05:24 PM

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“ Mrs. Stotlar, Rob, and the rest of Susan's family, I am very sorry for your loss. Susan was a wonderful person. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow.

Trisha Miller - September 26, 2018 at 08:08 AM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Jane Miller.



September 25, 2018 at 08:13 PM

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“ Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Susan Jane Miller



**Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home** - September 24, 2018 at 03:44 PM