



Mrs. Margaret Alice Miller

October 17, 1917 - May 25, 2014

Margaret Alice (Sheahan) Miller of the Town of Warren, Waushara County passed away peacefully at Berlin Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family on the Lord's Day, Sunday, May 25th.

She was born on October 17, 1917 in Montello, WI to Anna (Boeck) Sheahan and Daniel Sheahan (After Daniel's death, Anna married Jake Maulson)

Margaret was an active and long-time member of St. Mark's Catholic Church, Redgranite. In the most recent years, she was a faithful member of All Saints Parish in Berlin.

Margaret graduated from Redgranite High School in 1935. While in high school, Margaret was an excellent debater. She was proud to compete at the state capitol in Madison and represent Redgranite in state debate competition. Her state debate medal has been among her treasured keepsakes!

She received a teaching degree from Waushara County Normal School in Wautoma, WI in 1936 and taught grades 1-8 in one room schools for five years at Fargoville School, Record School and French School. Her students all held a special place in her heart.

Margaret married Arnold Miller on August 22, 1940 at St. Mary's Parsonage in Dubuque, IA. For the past 73 years they made their home on the "Miller Farm" in the Town of Warren and Margaret resided there until the present time.

For many years while her children were young, Margaret was a devoted mother and homemaker. Later she worked as an inspector at Realist Incorporated in Berlin (David White) for over twenty years until her retirement in 1981. Margaret's co-workers were dear friends and family to her, none more so than her dearest friend Gloria Schultz. She was fondly called "Rotten Grandma" by her younger Realist co-workers.

Although retirement was a difficult decision for Margaret because she so enjoyed her work at Realist, she nevertheless decided it was time to be at home full-time on the beloved "Farm". This decision enabled her grandchildren to come for more farm visits and summer vacations with their "Grandma and Grandpa on the Farm".

Each morning Margaret faithfully began her day with prayers from her homemade book of prayers. Her litany of prayers for others was a long and special one. Margaret would then sit for hours and write letters and address cards to family and friends (a hobby her mother, Anna so enjoyed). No birthday card was ever complete without one of Margaret's colorful balloons tucked inside.

Margaret loved planting her flowers each spring. She turned the farm into a "wonderland of flowers" as she carefully planted and then lovingly tended her flower beds. Her geraniums and petunias were favorites as were the "Dusty Millers" she faithfully planted each year.

Margaret enjoyed writing poetry and wrote many special poems about her family, her friends, special memories and "The Farm". A special event in the Miller family was almost always celebrated with one of Margaret's poems. Margaret was especially happy when one of her poems, "Grandma's Retirement" was published in Famous Poets of the Heartland.

Margaret crocheted many beautiful afghans, pillows and dolls; she ever so gently filled each stitch with love for her family. Her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren were all blessed to be wrapped in her “baby afghans of love”.

For many years Margaret was a spoon collector and proudly displayed her spoons on the spoon racks her husband Arnold made out of wood. Although Margaret never traveled too far from home, her grandchildren always made certain they brought a treasured spoon home from their travels around the country and the world. Grandma loved the spoons they brought her and enjoyed the travel stories the grandchildren would share with her.

As the family historian she created many “Family Albums”. Her excellent memory for dates and events allowed her to fill each album with wonderful stories, photos and facts of the Miller and Sheahan families. Her albums are treasures of love which will help future generations to know and appreciate their family roots.

Margaret loved nothing better than to have her children and the “grand’s” and “greats” visit “The Farm!” Her refrigerator was always stocked with popsicles and her kitchen cupboards always filled with goodies.

Thanksgiving was unforgettable with dozens of pies and Christmas on “The Farm” was filled with countless red bows, cookies and presents. She donned “bunny ears” at Easter and made certain that Easter Bunny always left more than enough eggs for all to find. Margaret joined the family on the wagon for many hayrides and she prided herself on being able to kick up her leg and touch her toes well into her late eighties!

Each pay day would find grandma bringing home a toy Tonka Truck to add to

the farm collection. Her morning tea parties with the grandchildren were such fun as she sat in “Old Blue” and sipped farm coffee and giggled with them. The farm driving lessons she gave her grandchildren (long before they were sixteen) have always been a special “grandma memory” to be treasured.

Margaret and Arnold worked side by side for over 73 years on the fourth generation farm. Although there were many lean times and difficult times over the years, their children were never aware of it. Margaret and Arnold gave their children the greatest gift a child could ever need The gift of love. They created a home filled with love for each other and for God. They dedicated their lives to preserving “The Farm” as a place of welcome and love, for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

During the past several years, life became much quieter on the farm for Margaret. Although her once remarkable memory had faded, she continued to enjoy each day. No longer able to do her hobbies of earlier years, she continued to enjoy sipping her coffee as she watched the many birds frequent the farm feeders. She looked forward to opening letters from family and friends, and receiving phone calls from loved ones.

Margaret’s greatest joy, however, were the “Farm Visitors” who would come to sit and chat for a while. During the last three months, she was richly blessed by frequent visits from her newest great-grandchild. What a joy it was to see the oldest and the youngest member of the Miller family chatting together and sharing smiles with one another! It was a beautiful reminder of the “circle of life” God has richly blessed our family with.

Whether she was called Margaret or Mom, Grandma on the Farm or Granny -- Great Grams, GG, Great Grandma or Auntie Muggs, she was dearly loved by all those who knew her.

She is survived by three children, Arnold D. (Margaret) Miller of Waupaca, Daniel (Judith) Miller of Neenah, and Nancy (Bill) Jodarski of Appleton. Ten grandchildren; Deanna (Brad) Gregorius of Neenah, Tess (Dan) Lenz of Neenah, Daniel (Melissa) Miller of Neenah, Steve Miller of Neenah, Lisa (Chad) Brock of Hilliard, FL, Christine (Ben) Nixdorf of Chicago, IL, Brad (Amy) Jodarski of Oshkosh, Billie Jo (Chad) Hunstiger of Appleton, Dr. Melissa (Kyle) Stoffel of Kronenwetter, and Ashley (Chris) Panici of Appleton. Twenty two great-grandchildren; Taylor, Hannah and Hayley Johnson, Thad Kraus, Cody & Tanner Lenz, Landan & Laynee Miller, Sammy and Hazel Nixdorf, Evan, Trevor and Trenton Brock, Parker, Cade and Granger Hunstiger, Davin, Treve and Pacyn Stoffel, Braelee and Rhett Jodarski and Ryker Panici. She is also survived by many special nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; Arnold A. Miller, parents; Daniel and Anna (Boeck) Sheahan, Step-father Jake Malson, sisters; Dorothy (Sheahan) Sobieski and Annabelle (Sheahan) Nighbor, brother; Louis Sheahan, brother-in-laws; Thomas Sobieski, Roman Nighbor, Carl Kwidzinski, sister-in-law; Alice (Booth) Sheahan, goddaughter and niece; Patsy Otto, and nephew; Diane and Robert Sobieski.

The Funeral with the Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday May 30, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at the All Saints Catholic Church of Berlin with the Rev. Jerome Maksvytis officiating and burial will follow beside her beloved husband Arnold at the Saint Marks Catholic Cemetery of Redgranite.

Relatives and friends may visit with the family and pay their respects to Margaret on Thursday May 29, 2014 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home of downtown Berlin with a Parish Rosary to be recited at 7:45p.m., and may also visit at the Funeral Home on Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. before we leave for the services at the church.

Thank you mom for a lifetime of love. You will forever be in our hearts!

A memorial has been established in her memory by the family.

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face, may the rains fall soft upon your
fields,

And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Cemetery Details

St. Marks Catholic cemetery

Redgranite, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home
116 S Adams Ave
Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-2050

Visitation

MAY **30**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Bless your wonderful Soul, Aunt Muggs! We will miss your caring and energetic ways, the stories you told often and so well, and the family connections your cherished. I can remember coming to the farm as a kid after stopping with Grandma Dorothy and Mom at the flea market in Princeton, or just taking a Fall drive. You and Uncle Arnie lived a long and prosperous life and now share each other once again! Love and Miss You

Tom Tracy with Sons Chris and Alex

Tom Tracy - May 30, 2014 at 10:00 AM



“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - May 29, 2014 at 03:46 PM

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“ Margaret was a dear friend of mine, For 20 years I was her mail carrier and would often get the chance to say a few words to her when she would meet me at the mail box with a hand full of letters. I always would hear of some special time she either had or was about to have with family members. Hearing about Arnold or Dan or daughter Nancy. I always looked forward to her anniversary and Christmas cards to us, because I always knew there would be a letter included. She was a wonderful person and I truly treasured her friendship. God Blessed your family with wonderful parents and you were so very fortunate to have them for so many years. May God continue to Bless all of you as you continue on your life's journey with your precious memories .Viola and Dwayne Daye

Viola and Dwayne Daye - May 28, 2014 at 10:10 PM

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“ Dan, Nan, and Arnie, may the Lord's blessings and peace be with you three as you bid farewell to your Mom. Her journey complete, she joins her husband in heaven. God Bless her and your Dad now and forever. Love, Ralph and Sue Treder

Ralph and Suzanne Treder - May 28, 2014 at 12:53 PM