



Dorothy Miller

November 8, 1922 - October 20, 2020

Dorothy Lucille Miller, age 97, of Washington, Iowa, died Tuesday October 20, 2020 at the United Presbyterian Home in Washington.

Celebration of life services and interment will be held at a later date. Memorials have been established for The United Presbyterian Home who lovingly cared for Dorothy during the end of her life. The Jones & Eden Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent for Dorothy's family through the web at www.jonesfh.com.

Dorothy was born November 8, 1922 in Washington, Iowa, the daughter of Lloyd S. and Katherine (Butler) Humston. She attended school in Washington and graduated from Washington High School in 1940. Dorothy married Lloyd Miller on March 15, 1943 in Edmund, OK, prior to Lloyd's overseas deployment in WWII. During the war, Dorothy managed the A&P grocery store in Washington. Upon Lloyds return from the war they owned Washington Laundry for 22 years. Dorothy also worked as a bookkeeper for Cargill for 10 years and then moved to Sellers Insurance as a bookkeeper for 10 years before retiring.

Dorothy was an active member of the United Presbyterian Church where she served as an Elder and a Deacon. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) and for many years was responsible for placing flags on the graves of Veterans at Elm Grove Cemetery during Memorial Day Week-end. She served on the American Cancer Society Board and was on the Resident Advocacy Board at the United Presbyterian Home. Dorothy volunteered at the United Presbyterian Home and the Washington County Hospital. Dorothy was named "Mother of the Year" by the Washington Fortnightly group. She was an avid walker and could be seen for many years taking her outdoor 2-mile walks from the UP Home through the Washington Square, often times walking twice a day.

Dorothy is survived by her son, Don Miller and wife Cheri Miller of Savage, MN; daughter,

Debra Ruehs and husband Rick of Poland, Ohio; three grandchildren: Carrie Miller and spouse Rob Salisbury of Orono, MN and her children, Graham and Jonas Bull; Jennifer Hoiska and her spouse Chad of Minnetonka, MN and their children, Abby and Will Hoiska; and Chad Ruehs and his spouse Jessica of Cave Creek, AZ and their son, Noah.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 67 years, Lloyd; sisters, Lois and Darlene; and brother Raymond Humston.

Dorothy will be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and a person who likely wore out more tennis shoes than Forest Gump!!

Cemetery

Elm Grove Cemetery

Washington, IA, 52353

Comments



“ Don, Deb, and families: We lost another great lady in Washington this week. Dorothy doesn't come any better as a mother, Christian, and community worker! Karen and I were sorry that we couldn't get out to visit her but dealing with the virus and Karen having a brain tumor and radiation to deal with has held us close to home. We have so many great memories with your mom and dad and felt we were part of the family. I will have to admit we ate at their table quite often. Your mom was such a hard worker and was always willing to take on new tasks. I can still see her walking from the UP Home to the square and more! Dorothy was small in stature but strong in heart. When I was a kid I used to come to visit my grandparents in Washington and Grandpa Murphy would always have his shirts done at your parent's laundry. What a hard job that must have been working in a hot, steamy building and your mother ironing all day. Grandpa Murphy always looked forward to having your dad bring the laundered shirts to his house. I remember my grandpa and your dad joking back and forth! Don, Deb, I know you have obtained a great work ethic from your parents. How can I not forget how your mother would faithfully put American flags on the graves of soldiers. The weather never stopped her from doing this labor of love! I could write a book on all the good deeds she did to help people in our church and the community. We loved her dearly and now may she rest in peace. She deserves the very best!

Gary and Karen Murphy - October 23, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ Don and Debbie and families you have our deepest sympathy. She was a great lady.

Ed and Joyce Mattes

Ed and Joyce Mattes - October 23, 2020 at 08:01 AM



“ We have many wonderful memories of our times with Dorothy and Lloyd. Memorial Day weekend was always a highlight, as well as many 4th of July cookouts and family gatherings. It was a joy to visit them in their cottage and later in the UP Home community, Dorothy was always so proud of her fitness routine which included long walks and workouts. She loved to share stories of her children, especially the grandchildren and great grandchildren as she pointed them out on the many pictures she kept near by.

Jim and Mary Humston

PS It was great that we shared our birthdays too!



Jim Humston - October 22, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ Bless Dorothy! I always loved being around her and your dad and remember several wonderful summers at Lake Odessa skiing. Since Dorothy was a friend of my mom's in high school I feel like I've always known her! May she Rest In Peace.

Sue Lowe - October 22, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ Fond memories of growing up with Dorothy and Lloyd as our “adopted grandparents”. You have my sorrow but celebrate her reunification with Lloyd. (Angie Gansen)

Angie Gansen - October 22, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ Such a spectacular woman. She made such a huge impact on my life as a child. The memories you created for us will never be forgotten. Thanks for teaching us how to ski and love the water. Love and prayers to your family. You will be missed.



Anne M Mills - October 22, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ Richard Humston lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Miller



Richard Humston - October 22, 2020 at 07:48 AM



“ Oh my, what a blessing. Dorothy never caused problems. Always smiled when her children came to visit, she knew who they were. She liked her walks, rain or shine, hot or cold weather, enjoyed helping others. God Bless Dorothy and her children.



Connie Crossett - October 21, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ Dorothy was a great lady. I helped her place on flags many years and really did enjoy her. R,I,P, Dorothy.

Jan Eddy

Curt & Jan Eddy - October 21, 2020 at 05:15 PM