



## Mary Miller

September 27, 1936 - August 21, 2024

Mary Miller, 87, passed away Wednesday, August 21, 2024 in Sarasota, Florida. She was born September 27, 1936 near Kalona, Iowa, daughter of David M. and Fannie (Ropp) Miller.

She worked as a waitress and cook at Kalonial Townhouse in Kalona before moving to Florida in 1977. In Florida she was a waitress at Dutch Valley Restaurant and also at Yoder's Restaurant and the last years did house work until she retired. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, gardening, and entertaining. Mary crochets a baby afghan for each of her nieces and nephews first baby. It was always a highlight when family and friends came to visit.

Mary accepted Christ and was baptized in her youth and was a faithful member of the Pinecraft Amish Church.

Mary is survived by one brother, William Miller of Spencer, Wisconsin; one sister Ellen Miller of Sarasota, Florida; two sisters-in-law, Clara Miller of Cuba, Missouri, and Mary Miller of Kokomo Indiana. 31 nieces and nephews, 169 great nieces and nephews, and numerous great, great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Harley, Manass, and Raymond; 3 sisters Christina, Lydia, and Esther; two nephews and one niece; 5 great nephews and 3 great nieces.

Aunt Mary won the battle with cancer on August 21, 2024. We nieces and nephews have so many memories of her and Aunt Ellen's gracious hospitality that was unhampered by their dedication to cleanliness. They cared for first their mother and then their father and 2 sisters until they passed away a long time ago. They always made us feel genuinely loved and welcome. They seemed to have been 65-70 for a couple of decades. They are formidable opponents only when playing games. Their sense of humor is keen and they make delicious food. They have traveled faithfully, going to Miller reunions and oodles of "nibblings" weddings. They just belonged together. They have been kind and caring role models. We love them dearly and are looking forward to meeting again in Heaven.