



Gwendolyn Anne Miller

April 1, 1943 - July 21, 2020

Gwendolyn Anne Miller, age 77, of Morgantown, PA, passed peacefully at her home into the arms of Jesus on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. Born on April 1, 1943 in Norristown, PA, she was the daughter of Blair Franklin and Kathryn Anne (Brown) Miller.

Following graduation from Phoenixville Area High School in 1961, Gwen taught in the Music Department at the Overbrook School for the Blind, while tirelessly earning her B.S. Degree from West Chester University. During the early part of her 38 year career as an Elementary Teacher for the Twin Valley School District, she earned her M.Ed. Degree from Millersville University. Since a young child, her true passion was always children, and through her passion she found her purpose as an adult. Whether it was in her 38 years as a teacher or her 70 years as a member of the First United Methodist Church in Phoenixville, Gwen found her place nurturing and serving children. Parents would say, "She made a difference in education!" When the PTA was dissolved, Gwen came up with "PIE" - Partner in Education. She was a TRUE Partner with and for everyone and always epitomized inclusivity. Her strong faith led her to many opportunities at church. As a long time member of the vocal and bell choirs, she still found time to direct the Children's Choir. Over and above the usual sweet songs the children would sing, they were given the opportunity to attend the Annual Choir Festivals at the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting...all the children traveling in a large van with Gwen behind the wheel! Every year they had a chance to perform in Easter and Christmas Pageants...

costumes, music and all!

In 1979, when single parent adoption was not a part of the system, Gwen found a way to make her dream of having children of her own come true. With the strength and conviction of her Servant Heart, she adopted her beloved Lisa and Ann, and together they created a family for each other. She had unofficially "adopted" even before that, when she took Debbie Pennuto under her "Angel Wings". She went on to expand her family even further, by taking guardianship over her grandchildren, Angela and Corey, as well as caring for her great-granddaughter, Alaina, these past nine years. Gwen was truly a Godsend, providing steadfast love to all her children, unconditionally. Aside from all this, she always spent quality time with her grandsons, Dylan DaDamio and Kevin Tyson, Jr. and her granddaughter Jacqueline DaDamio. She knew that when we realize God's purpose for our life isn't just about ourselves, HE will use it in a mighty way. And that HE did!

Beyond living out her purpose, Gwen always found time for fun and laughter ...Riding bicycles at the beach or riding in her red VW Beetle with the top down. Spending weeks at Ocean City, N.J. with her children or her circle of devoted friends, the "Bitties". Watching the Golden Girls episodes for a time to relax and laugh out loud. Enjoying the excitement of live entertainment. Meeting for Sunday brunches with family and friends. The list could go on! For Gwen it was a FULL, FULL LIFE! Truly... A Life of Significance!

The following are quotes from just a few of those who knew and loved Gwen. To them she was....."loving, devout and devoted, selfless, giving, respectful, a real lady, good neighbor, huge heart and loving soul, patient, beloved, a sweet sweet soul, the kindest person you ever want to meet, truly a gift, an amazing person, the Maria von Trapp of her time, a remarkable lady who will be greatly missed, always smiling." Others shared... "I feel blessed that she touched the lives of my family." "How lucky I am to have had her in my life for 52 years." "She was my Saving Angel from Heaven. I would not be who I am or where I am without her." "If anybody deserves Heaven, it's Gwen". Her first Grandson, Dylan, uttered to his Mother, "God had a plan for Mimi, and it was

for her to go peacefully in her sleep, because that's what she deserved". Her dearest friend and colleague of 52 years knew in her heart that "She went to sleep and woke up in Heaven."

Gwen is survived by two daughters, Lisa A. DaDamio of Reading, PA and Ann M. Miller of Hershey, PA; five grandchildren, Angela F. Miller, Corey M. Miller, Kevin P. Tyson, Dylan T. DaDamio and Jacqueline R. DaDamio; one great-granddaughter, Alaina F. Limoges; two siblings, Kathryn Blair Miller of The Villages, FL and Blair Clark Miller of Kimberton, PA; two nephews, Blair Clark Miller II and wife, Amy Miller of Shoemakersville, PA and Curtis G. Kirkhoff and wife, Lily Kirkhoff of Holly Springs, NC.

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Condolences may be made by visiting [www. PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com). Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Just learned of Gwen’s passing. She was a wonder. My camp counselor who made my first summer away from home the most wonderful experience. Warm, kind and giving. She played the piano at the camp’s end of season operettas and during our daily chorus. Helping everyone to embrace the joy of song and music. Years later, she watched over my 5 mo old son at our camp reunion....there was no one else at the time (other than my parents) I would have had complete confidence in. Gwen I think of you often and will continue to do so.

Shannon Cunniff - June 12, 2023 at 02:53 PM

JF

“ I have just learned of precious Gwen's passing. My heart and prayers go out to entire family. Oh, the things she is experiencing now... seeing her mom and our Lord and Savior. The world has lost a true light. Rest in the peace you deserved, my friend.

Jean Farrington - October 13, 2020 at 12:45 PM

LH

“ When I was first married I lived next door to Sandy and Mel Beam on Red Hill Rd. Sandy and Gwen were friends. I was lucky enough to be welcomed as their friend. I have very fond memories of times I spent with them. Drinking pink squirrels is just one of them. I've never known a more generous and loving person than Gwen. Although over the years I haven't seen her often thoughts of her always brings smile. She will be greatly missed by everyone lucky enough to know her.

Louise (Hess) Hornak - July 27, 2020 at 09:41 AM

SB

“ My prayers to her family. A great teacher an grandmom.

Susan Brungard - July 26, 2020 at 10:49 PM

DB

“ Very fond memories of "Gwenie". Our girls playing together, lol, American Girl dolls and sledding on the "Beam" hillside. My favorite was pumpkin carving at my Mom's home. Hands in and the seeds were everywhere but all was so much fun. Gwen was a special, once in your lifetime person that you were privileged to know and if you did not... she was always happy to know you. The world lost a beautiful flower but she sowed us her love that many may grow from. Debbie Bowman

Deborah Schneider Bowman - July 26, 2020 at 07:35 PM

AM

Thanks Debbie, I miss pumpkin carving too.

Angela Miller - August 08, 2020 at 10:16 PM

BR

“ All memories of life with Gwen are fond and joyful. She was always happy and eager to lend a helping hand. Love is the crown that Gwen will wear wherever she may be. Will miss you Miss Miller. Barbara Reznick



Barbara Reznick - July 26, 2020 at 05:56 PM

PM

“ Our son had to repeat the 2nd grade. Ms. Miller was his teacher in the repeat year. Daniel did very well in her class. I truly believe if he had her as a teacher in the first place that he would not have had to repeat the grade. Incidentally, he is now a pastor with his doctorate in ministry. She was a truly great teacher as well as a great lady. Sincere sympathy to all her loved ones. Phyllis Moore

Phyllis D Moore - July 25, 2020 at 09:08 PM

NK

“ Dean and I had Gwen as a next “door” neighbor over 40 years ago in a stone farm house where the industrial park is now. She made us feel so welcomed when we didn’t know a single soul in the area. The door that separated us was a pantry in her kitchen and paper thin enough to talk to each other! So much fun. It was a privilege to have known her.

Nada Kline - July 25, 2020 at 08:24 PM

BA

“ So sorry to hear this. Grew up on Valley Dell , Kimberton and graduated high school with Gwen. My sincere condolences to all her family. She was a special woman.

Bonnie O’Toole August Class of 1961

Bonnie August - July 25, 2020 at 08:18 PM

PW

“ I was blessed to know Gwen through the many Twin Valley school events we were involved in together. She was the most giving unselfish woman. Her kids and grandkids and great grand daughter were blessed to have the unconditional love of a truly selfless woman. I know she is reaping her rewards in Heaven now and is living in perfect peace with our Lord!

Patti Wilson - July 25, 2020 at 07:55 PM

PK

“ Miss Miller was my second grade teacher. She took me with Ann Marie and Lisa to dance class, and afterward I would spend the night. I have so many great memories of those days. There was so much love in that home. She always had so much grace. I would see her around Morgantown and she always took time to chat. She was a blessing. I'm sure there's rejoicing in Heaven, and she's hearing "Well done my faithful servant".

Penny (Swope) Kaiser - July 25, 2020 at 07:44 PM

BY

“ I met Gwen while serving as FUMC's pastor. Her love for children was so evident. I remember hearing about the trips to Ocean Grove and how much fun they had - both Gwen and the kids! She had such an impact on the lives of so many young people, instilling a love for music and for the Lord. I'm sure St. Peter had her harp ready and in tune for her to start playing as soon as she arrived.

Bron Yocum - July 25, 2020 at 04:27 PM

JB

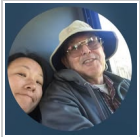
“Gwen was a dear friend for many many years. She was caring, loving and generous. She loved serving and helping people. We will miss her very much. From Jere and Sara Ann Brady of Morgantown, PA.

Jere Ann Brady - July 25, 2020 at 01:34 PM

RT

“Gwen was so dear as u girls no. Love ❤️ u all so so sorry. Roseann Thomas redjar51@gmail.com. 610-721-1483

Roseann Thomas - July 25, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“Miss Miller as I always called her was my second grade teacher, piano teacher, and a dear friend and neighbor. She made everything fun and took care of everyone. May she rest peacefully.

Kim Elizabeth - July 25, 2020 at 09:56 AM

LI

“She will be missed! She was my teacher at TVEC 30 years ago and my neighbor just as long! I remember she handed out quarters for Halloween! I will miss seeing her on our walks! Miss Miller was an amazing woman and we are so blessed to have known her!

Lindsay - July 25, 2020 at 09:45 AM

LG

“Gwen was my daughters teacher. She was a beautiful soul and we really loved her. RIP Gwen ❤️

Lisa Giordano - July 25, 2020 at 09:36 AM

CW

“ She was the best 2nd grade teacher on the earth..I loved being her student. She was fun an loving an caring an she taught me piano lessons..rest in peace..

Carolyn Williams whitmoyer - July 25, 2020 at 09:35 AM

KR

“ She was my first grade teacher and I learned so much and it was fun learning. She was also a friend of my Grandmom's and they had taught together at HBEC. She definitely will be missed.

Kristin - July 25, 2020 at 09:22 AM

TE

“ Miss Miller was my first grade teacher at HBEC, back in 96-97. Seeing her over the last year multiple times, she looked exactly the same as I remembered her then. She was a wonderful woman and I will miss seeing her smiling face around Morgantown

Terri - July 25, 2020 at 08:55 AM

PC

“ Gwen was one of the first person I met when my children came to Twin Valley, she made me feel so welcomed & there was an instant connection. She taught a few of my children with such loving care. I loved bumping into her when shopping, I always left her with a smile on my face, I just wish I saw her more in the last years. She was an amazing woman.
Patt Collmann

Patt Collmann - July 25, 2020 at 08:02 AM

TM

“ I met this kind and caring person 40 yrs ago at the Morgantown woman's club. She was heading up and involved in every event. Over the years all of her love and kindness touched everyone you talked to. I doubt that one of her students ever forgot her. RIP Gwen, you will be greatly missed.
Teena Mountz

Teena Mountz - July 25, 2020 at 07:40 AM

KD

“ When I began teaching at Honey Brook Elementary over 23 years ago, Gwen was the teacher I wanted to be. Her love and dedication for a children was most important to her and she made sure her students knew she loved them. I was so sad to hear of her passing. I will miss seeing her around the community ❤️ Peace and love to you Gwen.

kara davis - July 25, 2020 at 07:12 AM

CG

“ Gwen was a living saint. She judged no one and loved everyone. She certainly deserved to leave this life peacefully and I am grateful for knowing such a wonderful woman. She is an inspiration to me.
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Cassandra Gillies - July 25, 2020 at 01:35 AM

CP

“Gwen was my neighbor and best friend. So many mornings she would call me last minute and ask “Do you want to go to breakfast “. When all my 6 kids were little and we would wake up on Christmas morning at 2 am to open gifts, Gwen came down at 4 am with a breakfast casserole, hot water for tea, and everything we needed to fill our bellies before we left for CT to visit my family at 6 am. She helped me through the tough time when our baby girl died. She was at every one of my children’s weddings. We shared so many wonderful times and so many hard times together. We went to peddlers village together and shared the love of dolls. More recently, she would come down to my house for tea and a muffin while my husband was at chemo and I could no longer go with him. She was my go to person if I had a question about etiquette. She always knew the right thing to say or do. She had a heart of gold and would help anyone with anything they needed. You will be greatly missed Gwen but you are in heaven now and at peace. So until we meet again, save me a room with a view.

Cindy Pokrop - July 24, 2020 at 10:14 PM

TC

“ I met Miss Miller over 40 years ago. So many incredible memory usage over the years from a half a dozen Christmas trees that were bald, live and frozen; dragging them into the house and getting the trees set up. And then digging the hole in the spring to plant them. The stacks and stacks of lesson plans back in the day when they were handwritten at her kitchen table. the fond memories of all of the meals that I've eaten in our house and Howard gross everybody out when she would eat the raw ground beef that she was cooking hamburgers were spaghetti. I remember the time when she took finger paint and had all the kids put him Prince all over her car. the dozen or more times that I would be writing somewhere with her and it would be a nice warm day outside so she'd open up the sunroof in her Subaru and we will be covered with snow cuz yes it was the middle of the winter and the car was covered with snow and she were forgetting open the sunroof and woodall drop in on us. I remember going to Reading Pennsylvania because she asked me to ride along with her to go to a car wash cuz she said she'd never been through an automatic car wash before and I couldn't take it to it but I remember the car wash like it was yesterday kind of tucked into a hillside on the northside of Reading. The countless nights with Lisa, Ann and Sandy Beam working on crafts and other projects for the classroom. Fun memories of being in the food court with Gwen at the mall mall feeding Charlie when he was a little baby and thinking how wonderful birth control deterrent would be by having teenagers feed little babies and the fun and joke and laughter that we always had on so many occasions! I have traveled all over the world and no matter where I was April 1st while I might be pulling a trick or joke on somebody else I would always call Glenn and wish her happy Birthday minion Time one of the other falling asleep after conversing for hours. with all the kids from the surrounding areas and called how to play piano I remember so warmly your home play best 18 seconds saloon fans chopstick fun Melody that to this day I have no idea what it was but I know it was always a smile! I'm sure by now you've already taken up the harp and heaven is all the better for you being home! Till we meet again when we cherished in my heart.

Cherished and remember always,

Love Ted Ciotti and family

Ted Ciotti - July 24, 2020 at 08:51 PM

TC

It never gave me a chance to edit

Ted Ciotti - July 24, 2020 at 08:52 PM



Beautiful ted

Kim Elizabeth - July 25, 2020 at 09:59 AM

SW

“ *I met Gwen at FUMC in 1965 and it wasn't long before I realized she was “an angel on earth”. We had many good times together and always enjoyed a good laugh. I have been truly blessed to have known her. She will e a blessing to God's heavenly choir. 🙏🏻*
Sandy W.

Sandy Whitney - July 24, 2020 at 07:28 PM