



Myrna Janette Battles

February 24, 1939 - November 8, 2021

Myrna Janette Farver Battles was born on February 24, 1939 in Baltimore, MD to Lyle and Carol Farver. She grew up in Ferguson, MO and went to Simpson College, Indianola, IA, where she met her husband, Robert Battles. She and Bob raised their family in Ankeny, IA.

Myrna taught Home Economics (1961-1971) at Kurtz Junior High in Des Moines and Neveln Junior High in Ankeny and Learning Disabilities (1980 - 1998) at Ankeny High School. She also taught sewing lessons to her children and others; owned a commercial and residential cleaning service, Extra Care Cleaning; tutored students through the Ankeny School District and Huntington Learning Center; and had many years of fun teaching with her Creative Memories scrapbooking business. She made many friends over the years in Tri-Delta Sorority, couples bridge club, Golden Girls Bridge Club, couples bible study, First Federated Church, Ankeny Free Church, teacher colleagues and through scrapbooking. She stayed active both at Vintage Hills and Mill Pond Senior Living with book clubs, bridge games, skip-bo and more.

Myrna, age 82, passed away on November 8, 2021, at Taylor House in Des Moines, Iowa from cancer. Myrna was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 45 years, Bob. She is survived by her brother, Ron Farver of Creal Springs, IL, 3 children; Tamara (Bill) Monroe of Castaic, CA; Sharlyn (Brent) Estrem of Ankeny, IA; Mark Battles of Des Moines, IA; 11

grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Myrna will be cremated. Visitation will be on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 4 PM with funeral at 5 PM, followed by supper at Ankeny Free Church, 118 N.W. Linden St. in Ankeny, IA 50023. She will be laid to rest at a private burial in the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel, IA.

Cemetery Details

Iowa Veterans Cemetery

34024 Veterans Memorial Drive
Adel, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

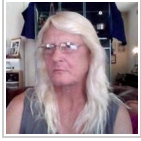
Ankeny Free Church
118 NW Linden Street
Ankeny, IA 50023

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ I am saddened to see that the teacher I greatly owe my livelihood to, has passed. If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't have made it out of Highschool. She kept me on track from 84' to '87, when I graduated. She had the patience of a saint. Lord knows, I wasn't always the easiest kid to deal with.
Rest in piece Mrs. Battles, and thank you for everything.

Kris Walker - June 22, 2023 at 07:36 AM

PN

“ I was a student of Mrs. Battles at Kurtz Junior High in 1965-66. She was a great teacher, always kind and patient. She taught me how to sew. I remember the dress I made in her class. Those were such good days! I offer my condolences to the family.

Patty (McFall) Nichols - November 14, 2021 at 03:13 PM

CL

“ I first met Myrna at the Ankeny YMCA where I taught water exercise and she worked diligently to strengthen her legs. Our friendship continued through helping with income tax, landscaping, remodeling, then selling the house and moving to Millpond. Our last personal contact was when I took her to the Christmas concert of the Ankeny Community Choir. I am sorry that I didn't stay connected during Covid and her struggle with cancer but I am sure that she slipped easily into Jesus's arms. Carol Livingston

Carol Livingston - November 11, 2021 at 03:13 PM

DE

“ I had the privilege of meeting Myrna several years ago and it was easy to consider her a friend. She was thoughtful, caring, and loved her Lord. May the God of all Comfort give the family peace in the knowledge that she is with the Savior she loved.

Dixie Estrem - November 11, 2021 at 02:50 PM

RA

“ I was a Simpson College classmate of Myrna and I fondly remember her as a friend there. We had many classes together and participated in activities together. She was such a likeable person and I am sorry to read of her passing. My sympathies to her family.

Roger Allen

Roger Allen - November 11, 2021 at 02:22 PM

TA

“ I'm saddened to hear of Myrna's passing. Like so many others, I taught with both Myrna and Bob. Myrna is a special spirit and will be remembered fondly by her colleagues and her students. I never met a more positive person and I never met a teacher who was more caring of her students. Tammy, Sharlyn and Mark, we're all thinking of you and your mom.

Tim Allyn

Tim Allyn - November 11, 2021 at 12:33 PM

DS

“ Myrna and Bob were both such wonderful teachers. She helped my daughter Katie so much. She will be missed by all who knew her. Prayers to you Mark and family. Diana (Davis) Savage

Diana Savage - November 11, 2021 at 09:27 AM

MS

“ I taught with both Bob and Myrna for many years at Ankeny High School. It was inspiring to see how devoted they were to each other. Myrna was one of the kindest people I have known. She was also one of the strongest. She taught with love and humor long even as she struggled with her health. She was one of a kind. I will keep her family in my prayers.
Marilyn Sand

Marilyn Sand - November 11, 2021 at 08:13 AM

JC

“ Myrna was a kind sweet soul. She had a genuine smile and she loved the Lord. I met her through her business of creative memories. Years of Friday nights in her basement sharing pictures and memories. She was always willing to provide whatever was needed. She had a listening ear and was willing to be a prayer warrior whenever you asked. She loved her family and shared with me about what they were all up to. She surprised our group of card makers a couple of years ago by just stopping by. She actually was invited! Made our evening even better! Didn't realize it would be the last time I would see her. Will miss her. Glad I know she is in Heaven so it's not good bye but I will see you soon!
Praying for the family, Julie Cole

Julie Cole - November 10, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Myrna Janette Battles.



November 10, 2021 at 02:54 PM

VW

“ I remember Myrna for the many hours I spent in her basement - happily reflecting on my life as I created photo albums. Myrna made each visit a joy as she cared for us with a little snack or beverage. She made the tools we needed available. She encouraged us to try new things and to look with fresh eyes - and colors! Thank you, Myrna, for showing us the way of kindness, courage and faith.



Virginia B Wolf - November 10, 2021 at 01:08 PM

TF

“ I was honored to work with Myrna @ Ankeny HS. Her caring and dedication for her special students was amazing to see. Her ability to get her students to attain goals provided life long skills. RIP Myrna, heaven received a special angel!
Tom Fish

Tom Fish - November 10, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Myrna Janette Battles.



November 09, 2021 at 10:13 PM