



## Stephanie May Miller

June 13, 1961 - March 6, 2019

Stephanie Miller

Ankeny, formerly Des Moines

With deepest sorrow we announce the death of Stephanie Miller, age 57. She died unexpectedly at her home on March 6, 2019.

Those who knew Stephanie lost a shining light in their lives. She was a dear friend to many and an inspiration on how to live life in the face of adversity.

Stephanie was born June 13, 1961 in Des Moines to Wilbur (Wimp) and Lena Stegman. She spent her youth in the Des Moines area graduating from Saydel High School and Iowa State University. While going to college, Steph worked as a secretary at Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church. Upon receiving her degree she taught at Hoover High School; it was during this time that she met her husband Gary Miller and she also became acquainted with the group of friends that would later be affectionately known as "The Hoots". She then returned to school to earn her Master's degree, which enabled her to follow her true passion of counseling students. At the time of her passing she was a counselor at Ankeny High School.

Stephanie enjoyed sharing time with family and friends, entertaining in her home, making wonderful meals, watching Iowa State games, and vacationing

in warm weather destinations. She was extremely fond of animals, especially dogs, which she built strong bonds with several over the years. The many games we played at her social gatherings were played at her direction. Countless memories were made when she hosted guests at her lake house (The Villa).

Stephanie was preceded in death by her mother and father; brothers Robert Schick and Joseph Stegman; sister Maryanne Stegman; Aunt Carol and her husband Nick Zagar; and her beloved husband Gary Miller. She is survived by her two sisters Sheila Webb and Sue Stegman; her nephew Nicholas Webb (Kym); nieces Vicki and Brandi Webb; cousins Muriel (Lloyd) Harbin: Earl Kelly Jr. (Madeline); Pam (Jim-deceased) Coe; a multitude of other cousins and great nieces and nephews; as well as the children and family of Gary, including Marcia, Monica, Mindy and Mike.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at All Saints Catholic Church 650 N.E. 52nd in Des Moines, Iowa at 10:00 AM Monday, March 11, 2019. The family will greet friends Sunday, March 10, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at All Saints Church with a Prayer Service at 5PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (50 Broadway, Fl 19 New York, NY 10004 or the Animal Rescue League 5452 NE 22nd St. Des Moines, IA 50313.

On-line condolences: [DyiamondMemorial.com](http://DyiamondMemorial.com)

Please deliver all floral arrangements to  
All Saints Catholic Church

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Church  
650 NE 52nd Ave.  
Des Moines, IA

## Prayer Service

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Church  
650 NE 52nd Ave.  
Des Moines, IA

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Church  
650 NE 52nd Ave.  
Des Moines, IA

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Our family was fortunate to have two students come under Mrs. Miller's guidance at Ankeny High School. She had a number of gifts of compassion and knowledge that she readily shared with her students and their families. She will be missed!  
Glenn & Ruth Hobin and family

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**Ruth Hobin** - March 11, 2019 at 06:25 PM

EJ

“ Steph was instrumental in helping me cope with the death of my dad; she understood so well the unique type of grief I was enduring. In those moments I was quick to realize her beautiful vulnerability, as well as her admirable courage and strength. She had such a gift, and she shared it with others with her whole heart. I am forever thankful and grateful for you being in my life, Steph ❤️

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**Elise Jessen** - March 10, 2019 at 08:42 PM

NI

“ She was such a kind person and a great counselor. Can't imagine how many kids lives she impacted. She will be missed. We were thankful for all she did for our family. Tim and Nikki Harrison

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**Nikki** - March 10, 2019 at 08:01 PM

HS

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Stephanie's passing. I worked with her for 4 years at Ankeny High School. She had the compassion and concern to guide students in a positive path and she will be sorely missed. All of the students whose lives she touched were so fortunate to have her throughout their teenage years. The world was a better place with her in it.

*Heather Sanders*

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**Heather Sanders** - March 10, 2019 at 02:09 PM

SR

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear this news. We were best of friends from 8th grade on: the two Steff's. We taught each other to dance (China Grove by the Doobie brothers). We rode our 10 speeds to Park Fair until that summer in drivers ed when Mr. Gerber taught us how to drive. She drove that huge old Ford Galaxy 500 and she was so little and the car was so big. Then she bought the red Vega and her car payment was \$30 per month. We went sledding on 7th hill, and to the haunted houses with the boys: John, Tab, Scottie, and Drexel. We ate at Kim's Pizza and tacos, where we could get a taco for 50 cents. We played pin ball at the Red Barn in Saylorville. We pierced each others ears, we had slumber parties, shared secrets listened to KGGO and called boys on the phone. When we could we hung out in Wimp's great basement eating creme de'menthe ice cream and oreo cookie pies. We were best friends. I am sorry to see you go so soon and that we didn't get to see each other again and share a story, and a laugh. I am so grateful for the friendship and times we shared.

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**Stephaney Robinson** - March 09, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephanie May Miller.



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March 09, 2019 at 01:19 PM



“ Stephanie and Gary were such a great couple. I loved my brother in law and was so glad that he had married such a wonderful person. She had to go through several rough times with Gary's health but was always there to love, care, and support him. I regret that we lived so far apart as I think we could have been great friends. She made Gary such a wonderful wife. They enjoyed many fun trips, many social occasions, she kept him young! Will never forget that she wanted her dog to walk with her down the aisle when she got married to Gary. A fun loving person with the best smile. Great picture of her. My sympathies to her family.,



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Lenora Miller - March 09, 2019 at 12:40 PM



“ Mrs. Miller was the sweetest, most caring person. She helped me through the struggles of watching my dad battle cancer and eventually pass throughout my high school years. She showed up to his visitation when he passed and continued to help me through the grief. I could always count on her to have a tootsie roll I could snack on. She was such an important woman in my life. She will be greatly missed. ❤️

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Dani Hannan - March 09, 2019 at 08:32 AM

VB

“ The saydel class of 1980 are all in loss 😞 she was a friend to so many , reunited with so many she has lost now, may you be at peace

vicki berry - March 08, 2019 at 11:29 PM

RR

“ The Rule of Steph Miller was something I said I would take with me as I moved away from Ankeny. She made it a point to always have fresh cut flowers around her. She got the idea one January and made it priority from for years afterward. She said those HyVee flowers cost the same as a fast food meal, and yet they bring weeks worth of happiness. There was something cheerful about making little bouquets and enjoying them in every room. She is 100% correct about that. She will be missed deeply and memories will be cherished. My prayers go out to family and friends during their shared sorry. God Speed Stephanie and may God bless everyone who was touched by her friendship and love.

Roberta Rowland - March 08, 2019 at 11:06 PM

LT

“ Steph was the most caring, genuine person I will ever know. I'm feeling especially blessed to have known such a beautiful soul. She has impacted many and definitely will be missed. May the Lord bring peace to all who grieve her passing.

Libby Tourte - March 08, 2019 at 10:33 PM

RH

“ Steph was a wonderful colleague and great counselor. She was so nice to work with and cared so much about the kids. She will be missed by many.

Reka Hinshaw - March 08, 2019 at 10:12 PM

MI

“ I remember running into her in the library when I was eating lunch. I was eating some sun chips and she told me they were her favorite and I offered her some. She declined kindly. I will miss her helping me figure out my future careers and college life. She was so much help to me, she will be missed.

Mikayla - March 08, 2019 at 09:26 PM

MS

“ I have so many lovely memories of Stephanie. We worked together for many years at AHS. She was wonderful and caring to both students and staff. She shared some large plants with me to put in my Biology windows. They added so much to my curriculum. She will be missed.

Marilyn Sand - March 08, 2019 at 09:04 PM

DS

“ Thanks for being such a good friend. I was honored to work beside you. You will be missed. I am so sad you won't be at Olivia's graduation. You will be there in spirit! Prayers to your family !



Deb Sharar - March 08, 2019 at 07:40 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephanie May Miller.



March 08, 2019 at 05:33 PM