



Denise Susan Miller

October 3, 1954 - June 6, 2026

Denise Susan Miller, 71, of Mount Joy, passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Ames, Iowa, she was the daughter of the late Orville and Helen (Smith) Nessa. Denise was the wife of the late Mark Miller who passed away on December 27, 2009.

Denise was a graduate of Northeast Hamilton High School in Blairsburg, Iowa. She went on to earn her Associate of Arts degree from DMACC in Boone, Iowa, before later graduating from Millersville University with her BSN. Denise worked in hospitals in Amarillo, Texas; Webster City, Iowa; Ames, Iowa; and Marshalltown, Iowa. Denise was a Registered Nurse at Lancaster General Hospital before her retirement in 2020. Among other areas, she worked as an ICU and Cath Lab nurse and was a member of the Nurses Honor Guard. Denise also attended Calvary Church.

A woman of many interests, Denise lived life to the fullest. She treasured time at the beach, loved cooking for family gatherings, and held a deep affection for her cats. Above all, she anchored her life around her friends, family, and her cherished grandchildren who knew her affectionately as 'Nee.' She never missed an opportunity to attend their events and celebrate their achievements.

Surviving are two sons, Tony Miller of Mount Joy and Eric Miller, husband of Jennifer of Lancaster. Skylin, Westin, Logen, Molly, Emma, Jack, and James; and to her three great-grandchildren, Elliot, Orville and Winslow. She is also survived by Greg Nessa, husband of Shar, of Carroll, IA, Gretchen McGlynn,

wife of Jim of Webster City, IA, and Cheryl Sutherland, wife of Jim of Des Moines, IA.

A funeral service honoring Denise's life will be held at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the funeral home before the service from 10 AM to 11 AM. Interment will follow at Silver Spring Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601 or the Lancaster County Nurse Honor Guard Association, P. O . Box 5248 Lancaster, Pa 17606-5248.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sheetz Funeral Home
16 East Main Street
Mount Joy, PA

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

HM

“ My heart goes out to Eric, Jen and the kids as they will have to navigate a new reality without her light and grace. I am confident she will live on in all on your hearts forever, transcending the hands of time. Holly Miller

Holly Miller - June 15 at 09:45 PM

KM

“ Although I did not know her well, I remember her when I was the Case Manager in the ICU shortly after I first came to LGH. It was my honor to be her Case Manager before she passed. So sorry I am unable to attend today as part of the Lancaster County Nurse Honor Guard, I am with you & them in spirit. Karen Lee Morgan, RN,CM

Karen Lee Morgan - June 15 at 10:07 AM

LB

“ Sending prayers of healing and hugs of comfort to you all - Tony, Eric, your families, her siblings. Denise was a spirited friend of 42+ years. Always full of energy, warmth, and a few opinions, Denise lived her life with focus and goals. Her family always came first. Passionate about nursing, Denise's patients came first. Sharing breakfasts together at local restaurants after we both retired, Denise would “chatter” about our nursing careers, our families, our personal losses. Denise, I will forever miss you! Lyn Brubaker

Lyn Brubaker - June 13 at 06:41 AM

SA

“ Denise was not only my aunt but also a big inspiration to me as a nurse. She always let me know how proud she was of me. I loved having "shop talk" with her whenever we were able to visit, and her passion for nursing was clear. She was a wonderful person whom I will dearly miss. I am so sorry for your loss. I love you guys and am thinking of you! Love, Cousin Sarah in Iowa

Sarah Atkinson - June 11 at 03:23 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Denise Susan Miller.



June 11 at 03:17 PM

ST

“ My sincere condolences to Denise's family. I worked with Denise in the HA at LGH for 4 years. Denise was a wonderful nurse and a dear friend. She will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Sending prayers.

Sandra Tucker - June 11 at 11:31 AM

LS

“ I am so sorry for the your loss. I worked alongside Denise in the ICU she was a wonderful coworker who embraced nursing and always looked out for her patients with a calm wise approach.

Lisa sahd - June 10 at 10:17 PM

CO

“ *My deepest sympathy to all her family and close friends. I graduated high school with Denise in 1973 at Northeast Hamilton. She was also one of my OB nurses when I had one of my daughters. It was strange having a classmate be my OB nurse. She will be very missed. My thoughts are with you.*

Cathy Scott Olson - June 10 at 05:36 PM