



## Patricia Miller

January 28, 1948 - May 26, 2013

The Celebration of Life Open House for Patricia Miller, 65, of Wadena will be held on June 22, at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Wadena, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 3:30 p.m. and Pastor Vaughn White presiding. Pat passed away on Sunday May 26, 2013 at Fair Oaks Lodge, after a long and courageous battle with glioblastoma brain cancer.

Patricia Jean Miller was born on January 28, 1948 in Denver, Colorado to Lloyd and Maxine (Johnson) Miller. Pat spent her early childhood years on the family ranch in Fredonia, Texas. In 1954 the family moved to Minnesota where Pat graduated from Bertha-Hewitt High School in 1966. Pat graduated from York College in Nebraska with an associates degree and finished her degree at St Cloud State University with a double major in Early Childhood Development and Family Counseling.

Pat lived in many states including California, Utah, Colorado, and Texas where she married August Stoecker September 4, 1981. While living in Fredericksburg, Texas she was the director of Gingerbread House and Bethany Pre-school.

Pat returned to Minnesota in 1989 and lived in the metro area, until approximately 1992 when she moved to Wadena and worked at OTWCA in New York Mills at various positions in the agency. She retired in 2012 due

to illness. Pat spent the last years in her home in Wadena with her significant other, Daniel Piere, and her beloved dog Abe.

Friends and family will remember Pat for her gardening, cooking, collecting teacups and entertaining with flair and panache! Pat loved spending time with her nephews Eric, Travis and Marshall which precipitated her move back to Minnesota. Pat became "Auntie Mom" to Eric.

Pat was preceded in death by parents Lloyd and Maxine, nephew Kyle, maternal and paternal grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and ex-husband Auggie.

Pat is survived by sister Pamela (Dennis) Sandberg of Bertha/Paso Robles, Ca; sister Paula Mishler of Hewitt; Nephews Eric, Troy, & Todd Sandberg; Travis & Marshall Mishler; niece-in-law Laura Sandberg; uncles Don (Marcella); Clinton (Lou Clare) Johnson of Eagle Bend, and many family and friends.

She is also survived by Daniel Piere her significant other.

Honorary pallbearers will be Pat's nephews and cousins.

Pat's ashes will be buried at Hope Cemetery in Eagle Bend, between her parents and some scattered at Waggum Cemetery on the graves of paternal grandparents Mimi and Papa Miller in Texas.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **22**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Christian & Missionary Alliance Church - Wadena  
1428 Jefferson St. S.  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Service

JUN **22**. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia Miller*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - May 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Pamela Sandberg lit a candle in memory of Patricia Miller*



Pamela Sandberg - October 14, 2013 at 01:36 PM

SE

“ *I worked with Pat at OTWCAC for 15 years. Sometimes in the same office...sometimes in different towns. Yet no matter how near or far apart we were, she remained a constant and supportive friend and co-worker. She taught me so much about early education that I have often said to myself "what would Pat do?" And to that end I try to do what Pat would do...Keep a sense of humor!!! We all loved how Pat could make us laugh!! Goodbye my dear friend. Sincerely, Susan Estabrooks-Anderson*

Susan Estabrooks-Anderson - June 21, 2013 at 09:30 PM

HH

“ I have known Pat for many years working together at Head Start. She was a very thoughtful person that was always smiling and would add something witty to the conversation. She is now at peace and tending to her beautiful flowers in Heaven. She will be deeply missed.

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**Heidi Huotari** - June 20, 2013 at 08:59 PM

DB

“ Devon Bernard lit a candle in memory of Patricia Miller



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**Devon Bernard** - June 03, 2013 at 08:14 PM

DB

“ My family and I moved into the house next door to Pat and Dan in 2006. For some reason I felt that they would be more to our family than just "neighbors." Over the years we lived in the house both Pat and Dan became more of family to us as we had the prividge of getting to know not only them but memebers of their family's. We loved to sit out after a hard days work on their patio and enjoy both her and Dan's company and the beautiful yard. Lots of time was spent in that yard in the summers playing baseball with our son Ayden, having demo derbys and motocross races which Pat would literally stand up and sing the National Anthem before Ayden would even start the races. Our family has so many fond memories of Pat that it would take up a whole page. She has really blessed both my life and my familys. She was such a strong woman and the last few years proved that. Its hard to have to say goodbye but she is now able to enjoy life with the Lord and will hopefull be watching over my family. Until we can meet again Pat! We love and miss you dearly!

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**Devon Bernard** - June 03, 2013 at 08:14 PM

AR

“ Dan, As Vernie said, Mom and Dad loved being neighbors to you & Pat. We have many fond memories. I'm so sorry for your loss.  
Dilly Rentz

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**Adele Rentz** - June 03, 2013 at 04:38 PM

VM

“ Pat and Dan lived next door to my elderly parents. They were the best neighbors anyone could have had. They would have them for dinner or slip them something that Pat had baked. They thought Pat was the best cook around. It was my priviledge to get to know Pat and Dan over time spent in Wadena. I am sorry that we can't be there on Saturday, Dan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families as you celebrate the life of Pat. Sending a big hug to you.

*Dennis and Vernie (Rentz) Mellesmoen*

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**Vernie Mellesmoen** - May 30, 2013 at 10:11 AM

SV

“ Pat was so caring, so thoughtful. She always made you feel special when you were with her. My daughter Stephanie will especially miss her. And she has a very special place in our hearts as she is the one who brought Larry & I together. Dan & family - our deepest condolences.

*Sharon & Larry*

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**Sharon Veden** - May 29, 2013 at 05:38 PM

JR

“ Jodie Roth lit a candle in memory of Patricia Miller



Jodie Roth - May 29, 2013 at 11:44 AM

JR

“ Pat will be greatly missed. She always had a smile on her face and was such a kind and thoughtful person. May she rest in peace. Dan and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jodie Roth - May 29, 2013 at 11:41 AM

SS

“ I worked with Pat at Head Start for a couple years. We had many car rides over to Menahga. I was just talking with my mom about how I needed to go visit Pat and heard the news in church the next morning. I was sad to hear she was gone, but happy to know she is no longer in pain and is with her mother and many other angels. Dan and family..thoughts and prayers to each of you. Big hugs!

Sarah Steinkopf

Sarah Steinkopf - May 28, 2013 at 03:47 PM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Patricia Miller



Mike and Lea Snyder - May 28, 2013 at 03:30 PM

DU

“ *Pat was a Wonderful friend of mine. I wish we could have met many years ago but I am so grateful that we became fast friends. I remember all the cookouts my family and I had with Pat, Dan, Pam and her lovely mother Max. The food was Wonderful as was the company. We went to church and to the movies together and I will always remember that. I feel comfort in knowing that she is in God's loving arms, and that Max was there to greet her in Heaven. Pat, I will ALWAYS keep you in my memories and my Heart. My condolences to her family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Deb Urbanski** - May 28, 2013 at 12:29 PM

DU

“ *Deb Urbanski lit a candle in memory of Patricia Miller*



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**Deb Urbanski** - May 28, 2013 at 12:15 PM

DP

“ *Pat was one of the kindest persons we have ever known and the funniest, always a good laugh. She knew how to live, love and a truly great human. Pat and Max are catching up right now resting in Gods arms... Duane and Vickie*

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**Duane Piere** - May 27, 2013 at 09:38 PM

PM

“ *Penny Mcmanigle lit a candle in memory of Patricia Miller*



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**penny mcmanigle** - May 27, 2013 at 07:24 PM

PM

*Dan, I hope you are comforted that Pat is in heaven and at peace with no more pain. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**penny mcmanigle** - May 27, 2013 at 07:28 PM