



Cornelia Bailey Miller

July 16, 1941 - September 16, 2021

Cornelia Bailey Miller, age 80, of DeTour Village, Michigan, died September 16, 2021, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She was born July 16, 1941, in Detroit, Michigan, to Marshall and Naomi (Landreville) Bailey.

Cornelia grew up on Drummond Island and graduated from DeTour High School. She attended the Northeastern School of Business in Bay City. She later went into business for herself as a bookkeeper in 1990. She owned and operated the Brown Bobbin Fabric Shop and CM Bookkeeping Services. She and her late husband, Terry, built and owned The Village Washtub laundromat. She was also known for writing "Tippers Tales" which were true stories about her silly and beloved cat. She was an accomplished seamstress and quilter. She made not only her own wedding dress, but also her daughter-in-law, Traci's. She organized the quilt display at the church bazaar each year to show the beauty and craftsmanship of a lost art. Not only did she and Terry go to Columbia as short-term missionaries, but they also ministered to community youth by leading an Ecumenical youth group in their home, taking them to West Virginia twice to help the less fortunate. She recognized the need in her community for a preschool and helped organize it. She was always looking for ways to help and give back to the community and the people she loved and was instrumental in bringing the Harbor View Assisted Living home to the Village.

Cornelia was an active member of the DeTour Presbyterian Church and was their organist, treasurer, and choir director for many years. She was also a member of the Fine Arts Council Board and a 4-H Sewing Leader. She was devoted to God and family and a member of God's Taxi Squad. She was a woman of many accomplishments. She was a friend of the Library Board, started a cancer support group, and received the Fine Arts Council Board Volunteer of the Year Award.

Cornelia is survived by sons, Jay (Jody) Miller of North Muskegon, Michigan, and Craig (Traci) of DeTour Village; grandchildren, Katrina (Johnny) Payne, Luke (Megan) Miller, Allix (Caleb) Birkey, Jesse (Olivia) Miller, Teryn (Raven) Miller, Bailey (Ben Radka) Miller, Rayne Miller, and Ella Miller; great grandchildren, Ezra Payne, Amos Payne, Bennett Birkey, Sebastian Miller, and Monroe Miller; sister, Carol Yates of Drummond Island; and brother, James (Charlene) Bailey of Drummond Island.

Cornelia was preceded in death by her husband, Terrance "Terry" A. Miller; son, Corey Miller; brother and sister-in-law, Marshall & Jeanne Bailey; and her parents.

Visitation will be held at the DeTour Union Presbyterian Church September 23, 2021, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with the Funeral Service to follow at 1:00 PM.

Final Resting Place is Maple Grove Cemetery in DeTour.

Memorial Contributions may be sent to Harborview Assisted Living, PO Box 123, DeTour Village, MI 49725.

Cemetery Details

Maple Grove Cemetery

E. South Caribou Lake Road
DeTour, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 23. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

DeTour Union Presbyterian Church
166 Ontario Street
DeTour Village, MI 49725

Funeral Service

SEP 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Cornelia Bailey Miller*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Cornelia Bailey Miller*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Cornelia Bailey Miller*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Sending love, thoughts and prayers to the family during this tough time.*

Bruce and Linda Johnson

Linda Johnson - September 23, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ *M&D lit a candle in memory of Cornelia Bailey Miller*



M&D - September 22, 2021 at 08:09 PM

BJ

“ So sorry to hear of Cornelia's passing. Our love and prayers go out to the family. I can still see her, Terry and the boys sitting in the same pew on Sunday. She was a Christian lady, who gave a lot of herself to the church, and others. She's at peace now. XO

Betsy Johnstone and family

Betsy Johnstone - September 22, 2021 at 06:44 PM

MK

“ Cornelia was more than my first cousin, she was the big sister I didn't know I wanted. She was my 4-H leader, a role model, and the best example of how to succeed at most everything you turn your hand to...to say I aspired to her standard is an understatement. Like our mutual grandmother, Ella, Cornelia could be tough, sensitive, demanding and elegant and shared many of the talents our grandmother possessed. Being in her company was a chance to share memories and always a good time. She will be missed. Rest easy in the arms of our loving family who have gone before and with your beloved Terry.

Merle Jo Klickman - September 22, 2021 at 05:14 PM

PB

“ I have some very fond memories of Cornelia. Top on the list is our trips to West Virginia. I laugh when I remember her whipping out a maxi pad for a nose bleed. 🤪💕. I enjoyed visiting with her at Bailey's shower. She really was a grand lady. Firm and feisty.



Paula Bosley - September 22, 2021 at 10:44 AM

SC

“ Sorry to read this, we were good friends back in high school, but our lives didn't seem to ever cross in person again. I did keep track of her though. She was a wonderful lady. ❤️😭

Sonja Clegg - September 22, 2021 at 07:46 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your precious mother, Jay. She sure was an accomplished and amazing woman! Sending love and prayers.

Joyce Cole

Joyce Cole - September 21, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cornelia Bailey Miller.



September 21, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cornelia Bailey Miller.



September 21, 2021 at 12:30 PM