



Rhonda Jean (McDonald) Miller

March 18, 1960 - June 13, 2025

Rhonda Jean (McDonald) Miller, of Cedarville, Michigan, peacefully passed away at home on June 13, 2025, at the age of 65, following a battle with cancer. She was born on March 18, 1960, to William Jay and Yvonne (Izzard) McDonald.

Rhonda grew up in Cedarville and graduated from Cedarville High School in 1978. She married Lester Patrick of Pickford, Michigan, and they later moved to Vermont, where she spent most of her adult life. She later married Bernard (Bernie) Miller of Waterville, Vermont, and they were married for 32 years until he passed away following a three-year battle with ALS. She was blessed with two stepchildren, Tracie Hultgren and Daryl Miller as well as Kendra Gudgeon who considered Rhonda a second mother. She also had several dogs throughout her life that were a big part of her family.

Rhonda spent many years working in the accounting field at various places. While in Vermont, she forged lifetime friendships. Rhonda returned to Cedarville in 2020 to be close to family, where she worked until retiring in 2023 from the Les Cheneaux Boat Building School. She continued to volunteer at the school helping with events after retiring. She reunited with her former husband, Lester Patrick, in the summer of 2023. They became engaged in 2024 and resided in Cedarville for her remaining days where she received loving care. She loved music and enjoyed listening to Lester and his

bandmates.

Rhonda was a member of the Hessel Presbyterian Church. She was part of the team that provided weekly Sunday worship services via zoom to residents at Cedar Cove Assisted Living. She volunteered for special events at Cedar Cove and enjoyed spending time with the residents. Her love and kindness will be remembered by those who knew and loved her. She was a strong supporter of Jenna's Promise; a recovery center started in memory of her dear friends' daughter in Vermont.

Rhonda most enjoyed spending time with Lester, her closest friends and her family. She loved camping, gardening, landscaping her property, watching Tigers Baseball with Lester, and spending time at the beach.

Rhonda is survived by her fiancé, Lester Patrick of Cedarville; brother, Randy McDonald of Cedarville; sisters, Shelley (Jeff) Promo of Hessel, Tracy Reichlin, of Cedarville; cousin, Jodi Izzard of Hessel; step children, Tracie Hultgren and Daryl Miller, both of Vermont; grandchildren, Ava, Calvin, Ainsley, Evelyn, and Calder; sisters-in law, Marilyn Combs, Judy (Gus Forkel), Maureen (Ted Bourgault), Flossie (Gary LeBlanc), brothers-in-law, Patrick Miller (Lynn Campbell), Michael Miller and Danny Miller; niece, Sienna Reichlin (Hunter Lambert), and nephews, Kevin Reichlin, Nathan Smith (Meghan Mitchell), and Dylan McDonald.

Rhonda was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard Miller; parents, William and Yvonne McDonald; and sister, Donna Corrine McDonald.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Monday, June 23, 2025, from 9:30 – 10:45 A.M. with a Memorial Service following at 11:00 A.M. at the Hessel Presbyterian Church, 3122 Cedar St. Hessel, MI 49745, with Rev. Jeri Baker conducting the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cedar Cove Assisted Living at PO Box 580, Cedarville, MI 49719, Hessel Presbyterian Church at PO Box 301, Hessel, MI 49745 or Jenna's Promise at <https://jennaspromise.org>.

Family Life Funeral Homes Pickford assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN **23**. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Hessel Presbyterian Church
3122 Cedar Street
Hessel, MI 49745

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

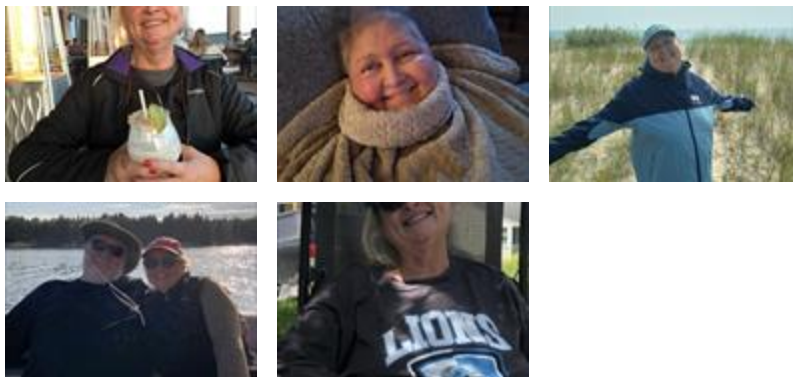
DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dave and I so enjoyed all the family time spent with you guys when you were growing up.

Dave & Joy Carr - June 26, 2025 at 06:30 PM

LE

“ 9 files added to the album My Beautiful Girl



Lester - June 19, 2025 at 09:49 PM

DO

“ I am grateful that I was able to meet up with Rhonda 2 summers ago. It was a very enjoyable visit. We talked about our high school years and our lives in the present. She was a wonderful person! With deepest sympathy to her surviving family and husband. Donna

Donna - June 19, 2025 at 04:45 AM

SR

“ To all who loved Rhonda, I knew Rhonda for many years way back when. She was one of the sweetest persons I knew! I haven't been in touch in many years and I'm sorry I didn't know she was back in the area. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, (I know most of the family). Love, Sally Rye.

Sally Rye - June 18, 2025 at 02:23 PM

JB

“ Jay and Sue Bowlby purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Rhonda Jean (McDonald) Miller.



Jay and Sue Bowlby - June 17, 2025 at 05:49 PM

JB

“ Jay and Sue Bowlby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rhonda Jean (McDonald) Miller.

Jay and Sue Bowlby - June 17, 2025 at 05:49 PM

LH

“ Linda H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rhonda Jean (McDonald) Miller.

Linda H. - June 16, 2025 at 04:25 PM

LH

“ Oh my dear sister friend I can't believe you have gone off to be an angel. Way too early. I'm so lucky to have met you that day at the credit union 43 years ago. We became fast friends - for life. I'll miss you lil sis but will be with you again one day.

Linda Hardy - June 16, 2025 at 04:19 PM

LB

“ Larry B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rhonda Jean (McDonald) Miller.

Larry B. - June 16, 2025 at 03:54 PM

BA

“ Rhonda and I met in Jeffersonville while walking our dogs. We continued those walks with our dogs for nearly 20 years. Laughing, crying and making our way through the tough times that life presents. We will miss you my dear friend.

Bonnie Adams - June 16, 2025 at 03:18 PM

BB

“ Bonnie and Bernie purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rhonda Jean (McDonald) Miller.



Bonnie and Bernie - June 16, 2025 at 03:12 PM

BB

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Bonnie and Bernie - June 16, 2025 at 03:12 PM

JG

“ Jim Gibbons purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rhonda Jean (McDonald) Miller.



Jim Gibbons - June 16, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ Rhonda was always so upbeat, smiling, and kind. She always lived far away so didn't get to see her often. But was always a wonderful experience when I did!

Richard Reichlin - June 16, 2025 at 02:05 PM