

MARY LOUISE MILLER

Nov. 18, 1933 - Dec. 17, 2004

Mary Louise (Poppas) Miller passed away Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, in Zephyrhills, Fla., following a valiant fight against cancer. She was born Nov. 18, 1933, in Kokomo, a daughter of George and Mary (Phipps) Poppas. Her loving and dedicated husband of 52 years, Robert F. Miller, survives.

She graduated from Kokomo High School in 1951, and married Bob on June 8, 1952.

She retired in 1978 after 18 years with Delco Electronics as an executive secretary and moved to Burlington, Conn., with Bob, where she worked for ESPN and the Visiting Nurses Association.

She and Bob were members of the United Methodist Church in Greentown and were active volunteers during their children's young lives in the Eastern School System. She and Bob moved to Zephyrhills, Fla., in August 2003 to thoroughly enjoy their much-deserved retirement. She was an excellent bowler, loved to play bridge, never met a stranger, and was loved by so many.

Along with her husband, she is survived by a son, Michael Miller (wife Ellen) of Kokomo; two daughters, Marcia Bowron of Spring, Texas, and Michelle Pope (husband Jeff) of Arvada, Colo.; five grandchildren, Michael, Matthew and Joshua Bowron of Spring, Texas, Christine and Thomas Pope of Arvada, Colo.; three brothers, George Poppas of El Paso, Texas, John Poppas of Piedmont, Calif., and Tom Poppas of Kokomo; eight sisters, Anna Kleiber, Grace Kingseed and Phoebe Carter, all of Kokomo, Dorothy Mast of San Diego, Calif., Freda Tranbarger of Los Gatos, Calif., Wilhelmine Warren of St. Petersburg, Fla., Bea Nielsen of San Antonio, Texas, and Vanetta Beckman of Moneta, Va.; and numerous brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Edward Poppas.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St., with Pastor Stephen A. Beutler officiating. Entombment will follow in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to a cancer fund of your choice.

For the last 15 months she had defied all odds and has been an inspiration to us all. She will be missed so very much, but she is in the arms of God and at peace now.

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