

Sharon Kay Miller was born November 26, 1941, in Gettysburg to Raymond C. and Mildred (McGough) Miller. She was the second child and the first-born daughter. Sharon attended school at Gettysburg, graduating with the class of 1959.

On June 7, 1959, Sharon married Harlen D. Shaw. They had two sons, Richard Allen in June 1962, and David Douglas in January 1976.

Sharon became a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) prior to her marriage and was a faithful member until her death. She was involved in the choir, altar guild, Friendship Circle, and Dial a Devotion. In the late 1960's and early 1970's, Sharon was a member of the Range Riders, a group of people who loved to ride horses together. She also served on the Gettysburg School Board and Gettysburg City Council. She was an active member and supporter of the American Legion Auxiliary, serving as president for two terms, and she was selected as Legionette of the year on the local level and District 10 Legionette of the year in 2001. Sharon assisted Harlen in all the weighing and record keeping involved in putting on the Whitlock Bay Walleye Tournament for many years.

Sharon believed in family, church, school, and community and did the best she could in supporting the goals and objectives of all.

Throughout the years, Sharon worked in the insurance business as well as the Potter County deputy treasurer until her retirement in 2016.

She loved her many pets, dogs, and cats. All the Coppers and Duchess, cats: Simba, Pooh, Foots, Smokey, and Jack who has been rehomed to her good friend, Mary Lynn Collins. She also had two horses, Chocolate and Cocoa.

Sharon thoroughly enjoyed walking. She walked every day with her dogs and her close friends, Donna and Janet. She enjoyed going out to the farm with Harlen whether it was winter or summer. Harlen would drop her and Copper off about a mile from the farm so she could get her walk in.

Sharon had many interests. In her free time, she enjoyed reading and watching old western movies. She could hardly wait for spring to come as she loved planting and caring for her flower gardens.

They moved to the Eastern Star Home, Redfield, in November of 2022. Harlen and Sharon had many good friends at the assisted living facility, where Sharon enjoyed walking with her neighbors. While living in Redfield they enjoyed going to Leo's Good Food for dinner. The family would like to thank the Eastern Star Home for their wonderful care of Sharon.

The most important person in her life was her husband, Harlen, who was always there for her. She was privileged to have two wonderful sons: Rick (Deb) of Redfield and David (Shawna) of West Fargo, ND; her special grandchildren: Samantha (Eric Butz) Shaw of Gettysburg, Spencer (Dylan) Shaw of Sioux Falls, and Colston Shaw of West Fargo, ND; step-grandchildren: Danielle (Jamison) Carpenter, Ohio, Stephanie (Travis) Rude, Aberdeen, Krystle Dickhaut (Brady Williams), Sioux Falls, and Drew (Haley) Dickhaut, Redfield; six step great grandchildren as well as one on the way; brothers: Dr. R. Marshal (Mable), Jerry (Robin), and Phil (Michele) Miller, all of Huntsville, TX, and Doug (Sherri) Miller, Pierre; sister-in-law, Marge Miller, Ft. Pierre and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was welcomed home by her parents; brother, Johnny Miller; sister, Phyllis Miller; and sister-in-law, Kathy Miller.

Memorials in Sharon's memory may be directed to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 601 E Logan Ave, Gettysburg, SD 57442, or directly to the family.

In Loving Memory

Sharon Kay Shaw

November 26, 1941

Gettysburg, South Dakota

March 29, 2024

Redfield, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Gettysburg, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 11, 2024

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIANT: *Pastor David Otten*

EULOGISTS: *Marshal and Phil Miller*

CASKETBEARERS:

Doug Miller ~ Phil Miller

Spencer Shaw ~ Samantha Shaw

Tyler Jost ~ Colston Shaw

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Marshal Miller ~ Jerry Miller ~ Eric Butz ~ Dylan Shaw

Sharon's Nieces & Nephews

USHERS: *Melvin Holzwarth and John Lake*

PIANIST: *Nancy Holzwarth*

SOLOIST: *Sarah Sue Tanner*

SONGS:

"How Great Thou Art" "You Are Mine" "The Lord is My Shepherd"

God looked around his garden-
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth-
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you –
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful –
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering –
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never –
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough –
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids –
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you –
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you –
The day God called you Home.



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