

DON'T BE SAD

*Don't be sad and lonely,
Because I've gone away.
Think about me only,
When it's a brighter day.
Don't waste your time crying,
Since I'm no longer here.
You have spent enough time,
Showing me that you care.
Wipe away your sadness,
For tears won't bring relief.
Cherish the memories,
Forget about your grief.
If I could be with you,
That is where I would be,
But I have no power,
To change life's destiny.
So try to be happy,
Don't mourn your life away,
For we'll be together,
At the end of life's day.*

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Loving
M E M O R Y

Joy Ellen Dirksen

March 23, 1933 - June 23, 2026

Joy Ellen Dirksen, 93, of Miller, passed away Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Joy Ellen was born on March 23, 1933, in Naples, South Dakota, to Norman and Esther (Hageman) Harrison. She attended school in Naples before moving to Bryant, South Dakota, in 1943. She worked at Baumbach's Café for many years during school and graduated from Bryant with the class of 1951.

On January 23, 1952, she married Merle H. Dirksen. They continued to live in Bryant until moving to Miller, South Dakota, in 1962. She worked at the lunch counter in the bowling alley and as a bookkeeper for 18 years at Community Oil Company.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and WIBC for many years. She enjoyed decorating her home for holidays, dancing, bowling for 60 years, playing cards, and bingo.

She is survived by her daughter, Wendy Weinzirl of Mandan, North Dakota; son, Jeff Dirksen of Huron; four grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren; and two step grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Merle; and sister, Anna Jean.

Funeral Service:

11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 27, 2026
Trinity Lutheran Church
Miller, South Dakota

Minister:

Rev. Rhonda Wellsandt - Zell

Honorary Casketbearers:

4 Grandchildren
10 Great Grandchildren
8 Great-Great Grandchildren

Organist:

Ruth Waller

Congregational Hymns:

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee" #697
"In The Garden" (insert)
"How Great Thou Art" #856

Burial:

3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 27, 2026
Woodlawn Cemetery
Bryant, South Dakota

*Following the funeral service,
everyone is invited to join the family for a
lunch and continued fellowship in the church hall.*