



## Rita Marlene Miller

August 20, 1942 - February 21, 2021

Rita Marlene (Sheward) Miller, age 78, formerly of Jackson, Ohio passed away Sunday, February 21, 2021 at The Kemper House in Worthington, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 55 years, Michael “Mike” Miller. She was born August 20, 1942 in Oak Hill, Ohio to the late Edward Delaney, and Glenna Marie Sheward (Harry F. Sheward).

She graduated from Jackson High School in 1960, and Rio Grande College, with a degree in Elementary Education in 1964. Her teaching career began in Norwalk, Ohio. She also taught in Port Clinton, Ohio, Schenectady, New York, and Jackson, Ohio. She went on to specialize in Remedial Reading. After retirement, Rita continued to serve students as she volunteered to work to prepare them for the Ohio State Proficiency Tests.

She loved working with children and helping them to reach their full individual potential. Her students loved her as well, and many stayed in close contact with her over the years. She was a loyal member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Port Clinton, Ohio, and Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson, Ohio. Mike and Rita most recently attended Life Point Church, in Lewis Center, Ohio. She enjoyed involvement in community events and was a member of the Port Clinton Junior Woman’s Club, past-president. She also belonged to the Port Clinton Yacht Club and volunteered for a number of different local events while living there.

After moving to Jackson, she became an active member of the Jackson Women's League, the Jackson City Education Association, and she was also a member of the Jackson Retired Teachers Association. Rita loved dogs, 50's music, dancing, football, cooking and baking, the Apple Festival, and watching her grandchildren play sports.

She is survived by her daughter, Michelle (Gary) Mann, and grandsons, Brett and Beau Boggs.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 21, 2021 at the Fairmount Cemetery in Jackson, Ohio with a celebration of life gathering to follow at the house of Patty Davis, 207 Redondo Drive, Jackson, Ohio 45640.

Memorial donations in Rita's name can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at [alzfdn.org](http://alzfdn.org), or Life Point Church 7719 Graphics Way STE B, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035. Memorial contributions may also be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral services are under the direction of the Mayhew-Brown Funeral of Jackson, Ohio.

Condolences can be sent to: [www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com](http://www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fairmount Cemetery

12 Fairmont St  
Jackson, OH 45640  
(740) 286-2090

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairmount Cemetery  
12 Fairmount St.  
JACKSON, OH 45640

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ We extend our sincere condolences to Michelle and the rest Mrs. Miller's family.

*As attested Rita was a special person with an infectious, good natured smile and twinkling eyes. I grew up in Jackson with her and would have graduated with her and Mike in 1960 but my twin and I went off to school in West Virginia our Jr/Sr years but Rita and Mike always considered us as part of that class which we especially cherished. They always included us in class reunions. We remember those joyful occasions and the many times she and Mike hosted the class members home. Rita was a wonderful friend and we always loved hearing her “little snort” when she started laughing really hard.*

*Sending our love and prayers to Michelle and family, she will be missed and we pray for condolences to her family.*

*Don and Joy Jones*

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**Donald Jones** - March 17, 2021 at 06:29 PM

DB

“ Rita was a special person with an infectious, good natured smile and twinkling eyes.

*We remember many joyful occasions when she and Mike hosted get togethers at their beautiful home for our mutual high school classmates.*

*Like Rita , my wife Barbara was also an elementary school teacher and so we were very conscience of the many students and families whose lives were forever influenced by her.*

*Her dedication as a faithful community and church beneficiary were well known. And her impeccable, glamorous style were impressive to all who had the pleasure of greeting her..*

*She will be missed and we pray for condolences to her family.*

*Dave and Barb*

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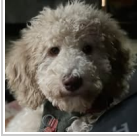
**David and Barbara Boothe** - March 06, 2021 at 11:49 AM

ES

“ Heartfelt condolences to her family. I sat by Rita, Mike, and Rita's parents years ago at football games at the old field. They were the nicest people, and I so enjoyed being around them. I do have to share a story about my stepson, Chris Stiffler, when he was in Rita's class in grade school. He apparently had a huge crush on her, and when they would ask how school was he would describe what Mrs. Miller had worn that day! I am sure she was as wonderful a teacher as she was a person. Prayers for Michelle and family.

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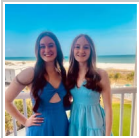
**Erin Stiffler** - March 03, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences to your family for the loss of a wonderful teacher, mother, and wife. I had the privilege of being her student in 1st grade at Kinnison Elementary. I have the fondest memories of her smile. She was so sweet and had the most wonderful disposition. She remembered each of her students. When I graduated from high school she sent me a card to congratulate me. I am grateful for your wisdom, care, and love that you showed me and my classmates. It was life changing even as a young child you made a lasting impression on me. I am certain you earned your wings far before you reached the gates of heaven! You will be forever loved and missed! (Laura Hollback)*

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**Laura Hollback** - February 28, 2021 at 12:04 AM



“ *I extend my sincere condolences to Michelle and the rest Mrs. Miller's family. I had the privilege of being a first grade student in her class at Kinnison Elementary, must have been '82-'83 because she turned 40 that year. My mom (Ann Carlisle Sheward) brought in a cake, ice cream, so we had a birthday party for her. She was a dedicated teacher to the art and science of elementary education. Mrs. Miller deeply cared for her students not only educationally, but also their home lives and whatever they might have been going through. I truly believe that the lessons I learned from her and my other teachers (Sue Jones, Crystal Finch, Kathryn Loxley, Kay Bierhup) at Kinnison set the course for my choice of career. I will be forever grateful for her kindness and compassion. Until we meet again Mrs. Miller, you will be greatly missed.*

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**Bethany Newsome** - February 27, 2021 at 09:54 AM

AO

“ I am sorry for your loss. Mrs. Miller was my teacher at Parkview Elementary in 2nd and 3rd grade. She was one of my all time favorite teachers. She will be missed.

Angela Occidental - February 26, 2021 at 01:36 PM

CB

“ I never had Mrs. Miller for a teacher while I was at Kinnison, but my brother Derek did in 2nd grade. She loved my brother. When my grandfather passed, her and Mike came to the service and they were so excited to see my brother and my family. Prayers to her daughter and family.

Courtney Wallace Brewer - February 24, 2021 at 05:20 PM

SD

“ Sandi Dameron lit a candle in memory of Rita Marlene Miller



sandi dameron - February 24, 2021 at 04:48 PM

SJ

“ I had the privilege of teaching with Rita both at Kinnison and Parkview Schools. She was an amazing teacher and had so much patience with her first graders. As a new teacher, Rita taught me lots of the tricks of the trade when it came to teaching young children phonics. I used those lessons to teach first and second graders reading my whole career.  
Rita was also a wonderful friend. We always loved hearing her “little snort” when she started laughing really hard.  
Sending my love and prayers to Michelle and family as well as to her special group of friends the Soul Mates. ❤️🙏

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**Sue Jones** - February 24, 2021 at 02:34 PM

CW

“ My son Shane loved this lady. She was a very special teacher. One of the best who loved her students.

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**Cathy Wolford** - February 24, 2021 at 12:12 PM