

## Beverly Ann Miller

Our loving mother, grandmother, aunt and friend, Beverly Ann Miller passed away on July 28 at the age of 92. Beverly was born on June 9, 1933, in Boston, Massachusetts to her parents, George and Marie (McGrath) Messinger. Bev grew up in Everett, Massachusetts with her family and received her degree in Physical Therapy from Boston University, Sargeant College in 1955. Her amazing compassion and strong desire to help others was evident in all that she did. She moved across the country initially to Indianapolis and then relocated to Lansing to work at both Saint Lawrence and Sparrow Hospitals. In 1974, Bev accepted a new physical therapy position in the Lansing Public Schools loving all her students and families like they were her own until her retirement in 1993.

Bev was the matriarch of our family that led all of us by example. She radiated kindness, greeting everyone that met her with a big, warm smile and a friendly hello. She was an avid reader and was gifted at knitting, cross stitch and all things crafty. She was an amazing cook and baker, often showing her love through special meals and treats she made for others. Bev was well known for her pecan pies and jam bars that she made for church and family gatherings. She loved challenges that made her think including jigsaw puzzles and crosswords. After she relocated to Lansing, she was an active member of the Jug and Mug Ski Club. It was there that she met the love of her life, Fred Miller. They enjoyed 54 years of marriage together traveling, enjoying lots of smooth jazz, golfing, motorcycling, attending MSU sporting events and enjoying many events with the Lansing Hearth and Hill Club. She was an active member of Mayflower Congregational Church.

Bev is survived by her daughter, Michelle (Jason) Hogan of East Lansing; son, John of Shelby Township; 3 grandchildren, Aubrey Hogan, Brock Hogan and Ethan Miller; sister-in-law, Judy (Richard) Edmonson of Austin, Texas; special daughter-in-law, Chris Schoenherr and her daughter Abigail Kroner of Madison Heights; several nieces and nephews and many, many good friends including life-long friends Sue Stauffer of Tennessee and Hinda Abrahamson of Minnesota. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick J. Miller; her parents; her sister, Rowena (Rodger) Doucette; her brothers, Bob (Gerrie) Messinger and George Messinger; sister-in-law, Marsha (Bill) Lang; her nieces, Nancy Doucette and Julie Messinger, and nephew, Mike Lang.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a memorial contribution can do so in Beverly's name to Michigan Special Olympics.

## A Service of Remembrance and Celebration of the Life of

## Beverly Ann Miller



**August 2, 2025**  
**Mayflower Congregational Church**  
**Lansing, Michigan**

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June 9, 1933 - July 28, 2025



You can shed tears that she is gone,  
or you can smile because she has lived.

You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back,  
or you can do what she would want:  
smile, open your eyes, love, and go on.



*Please join the family for a light lunch in the  
Friendship Center immediately following the service.*

Prelude: "It Is Well With My Soul"

Philip P. Bliss,  
arr. Cindy Berry

Tolling of the Bell

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn 408 (standing): "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

Poem: "The Baton"

Hymn 389 (seated): "Be Still, My Soul"

Poem: "Do Not Grieve"

Solo: "Amazing Grace" John Newton, American Melody

Pastoral Reflection

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Solo: "O Love"

Elaine Hagenberg

Family Remembrance

Family Music (Hymn 466): "This Little Light of Mine"

Eulogy and Meditation

Hymn 395 (standing): "How Can I Keep From Singing"

Benediction

Tolling of the Bell

Postlude: "Hymn to Joy"

Ludwig van Beethoven

## Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Mark McCormick; Rev. David Bandfield

Organist: DeeAnn McCormick

Speaker: Michelle Hogan (daughter)

Readers: Ethan Miller (grandson); Aubrey Hogan (granddaughter);  
Sarah Ann Beal (niece); Neil Bottomley (nephew)

Musicians: Judy Edmonson (sister-in-law); Barbara Fuller; Women  
of the Family; David Bandfield