



## Arlene Miller

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Surrounded by light in the arms of her daughters, Arlene Deloris Miller continued her journey on the morning of July 30.

She was a strong, independent, creative intellect and a beautiful soul who believed that the most important aspect of life was to love and be loved. She was an amazing wife, mother and friend.

She was born in Greenwood, Arkansas, in 1937. As a young girl, her family lived in Arkansas, Missouri and New York, finally setting in Richland, Washington, where she spent her teenage years. She attended Columbia High School where she was a majorette, Atomic Frontier Days Princess, Miss Richland Princess and Rainbow Girls Worthy Advisor. She attended Washington State University from 1955 to '58, where she joined Alpha Chi Omega. Two major events would change her life while attending WSU — she met the love of her life and studied art in Western Europe the summer before her senior year through an extension program that opened her world to a lifelong study of art, history, religion and alternative views.

She married her lifelong love, Lt. Robert Lee Miller, on Oct. 10, 1958. They spent their honeymoon in Carmel and Big Sur, California. They had two

daughters, Christine (born in 1960) and Teri (born in 1962). Her husband's Army military career took them to Alabama, Georgia, California, Washington and Germany where they traveled extensively throughout Europe. Tragically, her great love died in Vietnam in 1968 while in command of a base near the Cambodian border. After his death, she moved to Corvallis in 1969 to raise her daughters and create a new life for us all. She went back to school and completed her undergraduate degree at Oregon State University in 1971 and started her first job as executive director, Benton County Chapter, American Red Cross.

Throughout her personal and professional life, her contributions to her community were many. Her work included: assistant director, Retired Senior Volunteer Program; Area Agency on Aging, Fiscal & Program Management; director, Retired Senior Volunteer Program; owner, Mode-O-Day; administrator, Linn-Benton Upjohn Health Care Services; and senior manager, McKenzie-Smith (Lead renovations of the Corvallis Arms and Monticello Hotel in Washington). Her professional associations included Zonta, Soroptimist, Oregon Gerontological Society, Volunteer Administrators Association, Western Gerontological Association and Chamber of Commerce.

She contributed to her community through Corvallis Junior Women's Club, president, Benton Co.; March of Dimes Mother's March, chairman, Benton Co.; Nursing Home Task Force; Area Agency on Aging, Advisory Council; RSVP Advisory Council, chairman; Girl Scout leader; Cheldelin PTA, president; Democratic Women of Benton Co., vice president and president; Alpha Chi Omega Alumni Association, vice president; United way Allocations Committee; and White House Conference on Aging.

Her love of life was undeniable and reflected in her many passions. Her studies and interests were endless — her books were sacred (she literally read thousands throughout her life). She sculpted her garden into an

enchanted work of art. She had a poet's heart whose words penetrated the depths of your soul, and her watercolor paintings touched your entire being. Her thirst for knowledge knew no bounds. She talked to her daughters every day and you never knew where the wonderful conversations would lead.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ida Inez Glover; father Arlis Wilson Glover; husband Robert Lee Miller; and sister Dianne Kaech.

Her daughters would like to thank Samaritan Oncology, notably Dr. Farnoush Abar, Bobbi Provance and Adrienne Tausen for her extraordinary care and carrying us through. A special thank you goes to Dr. Susan Cho and Dr. Ken Nitta. We are profoundly grateful to the staff at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice, an incredible organization — David Hall, Kathy Hanson and Sinthea Hunt.

In her memory, remembrances may be made to the following organizations: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Samaritan Evergreen Hospice and Samaritan Health Services, Oncology.

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“ Dear Teri and Chris,

*My very deepest condolences to you both. I cannot imagine the depth of your grief as I know the great love, caring and closeness in your family. Take comfort knowing your parents are reunited and watching over you both always.*

*Teri, my dear friend, I am here for you whenever you need to share stories, joyful, sad or a random memory. Our loved ones live on in the sharing of our memories. Chris, while I have not had the chance to meet you yet, I hope to in the future.*

*My sympathy to you both,*

*Susan Cornelius*

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**Susan Cornelius** - August 16, 2015 at 10:09 AM

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“ Dear Teri --

*We were so sorry to learn of the passing of your beloved mother. You were such a devoted daughter, and we know there is a huge empty space in your life now. We hope that knowing your mom and dad are finally together again will bring you comfort, along with so many great memories of the life you shared with her. We send our sympathies and three big hugs.*

*Love from us all -- Nancy, Mike, and Adam*

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**The Hoffmans** - August 08, 2015 at 05:57 PM