



Ms. Lolita Paxine Miller

May 29, 1926 - August 18, 2021

Lolita Paxine Miller, 95, of Salem, Illinois, passed away peacefully into the arms of her loving Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on August 18, 2021, from Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Illinois.

Born May 29, 1926 in Hamilton, Kansas, she was the daughter of Charles Marion and Vergie Marie (Hillman) Williams.

Before she married, Lolita was an employee of the Veterans Administration in Kansas. She united in marriage with Wendell E. Miller, April 8, 1956, in Hutchinson, Kansas, and he survives in Salem, along with their daughter Candace Howard and husband Wayne, also of Salem, and Cynthia Miller-Naude and husband Jacobus of Bloemfontein, South Africa, along with ten grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Throughout her life, Lolita served alongside her husband in many ministries and ventures. While in Kansas, Lolita conceived the idea for a fair booth ministry at the Kansas State Fair. For many years she and her husband distributed Christian literature and talked to people about where they would spend eternity. Later, they moved to Warsaw, Indiana, and she graduated from Grace College the same day her husband graduated from Grace Theological Seminary. Lolita was also a counselor and secretary for Biblical Counseling Association, a not-for-profit ministry that provided free marriage and family

counseling for several decades. Her husband was a Patent Agent, so she also typed many patents - most before the days of computer.

More recently, Lolita and Wendell moved to Salem, Illinois, to be close to Wayne and Candace, and they faithfully attended Salem First Baptist Church. In Salem, Wendell shifted his emphasis to theological writing, and Lolita encouraged, inspired and reviewed Wendell's manuscripts. As Wendell always said, "Whatever credit comes from our life's work, about 60 percent will go to Lolita."

Lolita was always ready to lend a helping hand, whether it was taking a meal to a shut-in neighbor, or travelling hundreds of miles with her husband to visit elderly relatives who were lonely.

Lolita's family was her first priority, and she would drop anything to help her daughters or grandchildren. She always served people with a joyful smile!

One of her favorite Bible verses was 2 Corinthians 4:6, "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Lolita had in her heart for several years to write a song titled, "I Love Jesus Does He Know? I will Pray and Tell Him So." She accomplished her goal in July 2020 and had the song copyrighted. It can be viewed at the Funeral Home's website.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, September 3, 2021 at the First Baptist Church in Salem with Dr. Andy DeWitt officiating. Burial will follow at the East Lawn Cemetery in Salem.

Visiting hours will be from 11:00 am until the service hour at the church. It will

be important to wear masks due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Memorials may be made to Salem First Baptist Church and will be accepted by the Sutherland - Rankin Funeral Home, P.O. Box 97, 310 N. Broadway, Salem, IL 62881 (618) 548-1234, entrusted with the family' care. Online condolences may be left at sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

East Lawn Cemetery

Salem, IL 62881

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Salem First Baptist Church

Funeral Service

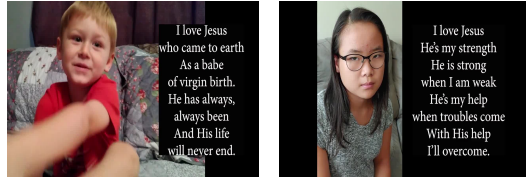
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Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - September 08, 2021 at 09:44 AM

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“ *Many are the memories we carry in our hearts of the love and interest of Lolita and Wendell and their daughters in our lives. The blessings and counsel shared in our times together remain as warm memories in our hearts. We look forward to our gathering together in glory and rejoicing in His grace. We know that the ministry of Lolita to her husband and family remain in their hearts. May the "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" comfort you in your time of grieving.. "Our lives are marked by the footprints left on our hearts by those who have walked across our paths."*

Fred Plastow

Fredrick W Plastow - August 27, 2021 at 10:48 AM

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“ I have known Lolita since I was a child. Her interest in my life, and kind words whenever our paths crossed were a blessing to me. What joy that she is now with her Savior, enjoying eternity in His presence. I pray that Wendell, Cyndy and Candace and their families find comfort in Him as they wait to join her. God bless you as you remember her life, and share together the many memories you have of your precious wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.
Lori (Plastow) Strietzel

Lori Strietzel - August 25, 2021 at 01:21 PM

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“ In the Fall of 1978, the Millers entered my life, Wendell as a trusted counselor, & Lolita, as the cheerful friendly secretary to the counseling ministry. She cheered one's day, just by being herself. I am sad to know, that Lolita's Sonshine will no longer be shining on the earth. But, when a child of God finishes his or her work upon earth, He takes them Home, "which is far better." (Phil. 1:23). My sympathies to Wendell & to his daughters, & trust the Lord's comfort for you.

Rev. Michael O'Connor - August 25, 2021 at 11:37 AM