



## Claire R. Miller

November 9, 1935 - January 30, 2023

Devoted wife, gracious stepmom to four boys, beloved and adoring Memom to their children and grandchildren, and a teacher of exceptional talent and dedication for nearly forty years, Claire Rose Miller passed away peacefully surrounded by those who loved her on January 30, 2023, after an extended battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Born in Mount Holly, New Jersey in 1935, Claire, a gorgeous girl with a passion and talent for dance, was graduated from Rancocas Valley Regional High School and entered (then) West Chester State Teacher's College. Upon graduating, she immediately began her long and storied elementary school teaching career (mostly with 1st and 2nd graders) in the Mount Holly school system. Over her tenure, she taught over 500 hundred children how to read and write and was twice honored as Teacher of the Year. Her students adored her.

First married to Edward Poinsett, Claire re-married the widower Dr. James Anthony Miller in 1976, thus inheriting his four rambunctious sons. Like Jim, Claire was among the stalwart faithful of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church where she served (among other things) on Altar Guild and the Episcopal Church Women. A longstanding member of the teaching sorority Phi Kappa Gamma and twice its chapter President, Claire also devoted her charitable heart to the Mount Holly Female Benevolent Society, the Mount Holly Historical Society, and the (then) Burlington County Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary, among others.

Daughter of Irene and James Rose and sister to her beloved brother Robert

Rose (deceased), Claire doted on Bob's two daughters and later the six children of her stepsons as their cherished "Memom." Claire unreservedly loved all people and celebrating the milestones of their lives, most especially when she was surrounded by young children. She and Jim traveled the world. Lover of daisies, dogs, and Beatrix Potter mice, she will be forever remembered for her constant kindness, endless generosity, and spiritual grace as a fiercely loyal friend to so many.

Claire is survived by nieces Lisa Lanser Rose and Laura Rose, stepsons David, Robert, James, and Gary Miller; grandchildren Jodie McPherson, Corey McCook, and Sherri, Lorraine, James, and Michael Miller; and great-grandchildren Ayla, Julia, and Rylan McCook, and Connor Young. Viewing Hours are 4-6 PM on Sunday, February 5th and 9:30-10:30 AM on Monday the 6th at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High Street in Mount Holly, followed by Communion Service of Christian Burial at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 125 High St., Mount Holly at 11 AM, and interment at Brotherhood Cemetery in Hainesport. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Mount Holly Female Benevolent Society c/o Anne Moore, 210 Woodside Drive, Lumberton, NJ 08048 will be gratefully received.

# Cemetery Details

## Brotherhood Cemetery

Washington Street  
Hainesport, NJ

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High Street  
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399  
info@perinchief.com  
<http://www.perinchief.com>

## Viewing

FEB 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High Street  
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399  
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## Funeral Service

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FEB 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
121 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ

# Tribute Wall

KE

“ I am sorry I am not able to be there to honor your mother. She was an extraordinary woman, wife, teacher, Memom, friend and Mother in law. My thoughts are with you all now. I still mimic her wonderful holiday traditions. She touched the lives of so many. With kind regards, Kate Miller Esposito

Kate Miller Esposito - February 06, 2023 at 08:24 AM

LG

“ I knew Claire from RVRHS forward always gracious and genuine lady, Dr. Miller was fortunate to find Claire as I am sure her stepsons are aware. I have had a long and found association with David and Buddy. May the Miller family have found memories of Claire to guide you with help of God through your period of mourning.  
Larry Gladfelter

Lawrence A Gladfelter - February 02, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claire R. Miller.



February 02, 2023 at 08:13 PM

PS

“ *Mrs. Miller was my first grade teacher. Most others who can say this, won't require that I go any further. If you had the blessing of having her in any part of your educational experience, you were one of the lucky ones. By far one of the most kind and patient human beings on earth, it was just this type of person it took to bring the shy out of their shell, to give confidence to children who lacked. It is sometimes apparent when people born to be teachers.*

*As time goes on, it becomes difficult to remember details of many years ago. I am now 40. I would see Mrs. Miller at St. Andrews and she would not miss a beat. She would ask what I've been up to, and always had a warm thing or two to say, and usually, she glowed with pride for her former student. As an adult, there was just something about Mrs. Miller being proud of you. To me, this sentiment sums her up quite well.*

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**Peter Sosa** - February 02, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Claire R. Miller.*



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February 02, 2023 at 05:46 PM

PL

“ I met Claire through Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Also an Elementary teacher, I immediately clicked with her. She was a lovely role model. She recommended the dentist I use now when mine retired. Dear Lady rest in peace after a life well-lived.

*Pam Levin*

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**Pam Levin** - February 02, 2023 at 05:37 PM

MB

“ I am so sad to learn of Claire's passing. I can attest to the fact that Claire's "children adored her". In 1971, she was my 1st grade teacher and her kind, gentle spirit remained with me. She was one of my most favorite teachers. I was lucky to get to enjoy Claire's company at church as an adult (it took me quite a while to be able to call her "Claire" and not "Mrs. Miller"). She just exuded love and kindness and I will never forget her.

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**Mia Baker** - February 01, 2023 at 04:26 PM

MH

“ Sweet Claire I was a witness to your love of children. I worked for a long time across the hall from you. I remember how excited you were about getting 4 boys in your life. God has been good to you Sweet friend now rest in his arms. Xoxo  
*Mary Herreshoff*

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**Mary Herreshoff** - February 01, 2023 at 04:06 PM