



## Joan M. Miller

March 24, 1947 - August 10, 2023

Joan Margaret Miller, 76, of Turlock, California, passed away peacefully on 10 August 2023 at Alexander Cohen House in Hughson, California.

Joan was born on 24 March 1947 in Turlock, California to Charles and June Read. After graduating from Turlock High School in 1965 she went to work at Turlock Dental Arts as a dental assistant for 25 years.

In 1988 Joan wed the love of her life, Ronald L. Miller, in Rockville, Maryland, and was happily married until his death in 2012.

Joan had a life-long passion for reading, and as a child she would check out stacks of books at the old Turlock library and carry them home on her bicycle. She was an honored queen in Job's Daughters and a member of Beta Sigma Phi. She also enjoyed classes in English Literature at Stanislaus State.

Besides reading, she enjoyed cross-stitch embroidery, bird-watching, and traveling to the Monterey coast. She loved spending time with her many close friends as well as her two ragdoll cats, Andy and Mary-Margaret.

She was a passionate advocate for mental health and the unhoused population. She faithfully contributed to meals at the Gospel Mission.

She was a long-time member of St. Francis Episcopal church, as well as a faithful and dedicated member of the Daughters of the King.

She was predeceased by her parents Charles and June Read, her brother Wayne Read, her niece Charlotte Fye and her beloved husband Ronald L. Miller.

She is survived by her step-children Diane Miller and Paul and Laura Miller, and her step-grandchildren Presley and Cassidy Miller.

Joan's service will be held 2 September 2023 at 10 AM at St. Francis Episcopal church, 915 E. main St., Turlock, California. The internment will be held 5 September 2023 at 10 AM at Turlock Memorial Park, 575 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock, California.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to St. Francis Episcopal Church, 915 E. Main St., Turlock, CA 95380 and/or NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Stanislaus, P. O. Box 4120, Modesto, CA 95352.

# Cemetery Details

## Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.  
Turlock, CA 95380  
(209) 632-9111  
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 2. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Francis' Episcopal Church  
915 E. Main St.  
Turlock, CA 95380

## Graveside Service

SEP 5. 10:00 AM (PT)

Turlock Memorial Park  
575 N Soderquist Rd  
Turlock, CA 95380-3749  
(209) 632-9111

# Tribute Wall



“ It would come to no surprise to Joan that I put this off until the last minute. I just didn't want to admit that she is really gone.

*We were close friends since we were English majors together at Stanislaus State almost 50 years ago. Her warmth made it so easy to love her. We could talk for hours about anything . We had the same views and tastes on so many things.*

*Even after I left Turlock we would get together frequently and talked on the phone for hours as well. Later, when I left California our calls became less frequent but Joan was an excellent correspondent and we always kept in touch. I always looked forward to getting her very well written letters.*

*My condolences to her wide circle of friends. May she rest in peace and be reunited with her loved ones in paradise.*

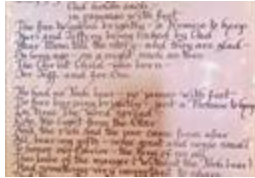
*“I always thought I would see you again” - James Taylor*

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**Beatrice Soila** - September 02, 2023 at 07:14 PM

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“Joan, my most special, loving friend... always had a kind word... Joan was especially loving to my children. She was there to celebrate their many milestones. Among her many literary accomplishments, Joan wrote this love filled poem...”



Donna Bailey - September 01, 2023 at 08:05 PM



What a beautiful memory.

Beatrice Soila - September 02, 2023 at 06:47 PM



“Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joan M. Miller.”



September 01, 2023 at 03:00 PM



“Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan M. Miller.”



September 01, 2023 at 12:07 AM