



M. Jean Miller

June 18, 1926 - September 13, 2024

M. Jean Miller, 98, of Minneapolis, crossed the veil into eternity on September 13, 2024. She was at home surrounded by family and music.

Mabel Jean was born on June 18, 1926 to G.H. (Konstantinos Katsaras) and Mabel Price Cachiaras on her mother's birthday. She was the second born in her family after Elizabeth, then Ruth and John.

When she was quite young, she was used as a "demonstration" pupil for the music department at the University of Minnesota, and earned awards at their recitals. She played at a radio station, lodges, and in both Tuttle Elementary School PTA meetings and John Marshall High School, where she also sang. She was sometimes invited to fancy parties of the wealthy to play for their entertainment and where she would receive a cookie afterward.

But to her fellow students, Jean was better known for playing the violin. She played in the school orchestra and was a member of the String Quintet. This group took the street car to play for special occasions in downtown Minneapolis. They also visited and played for settlement houses for underprivileged children, leading to her lifelong heartfelt compassion for the less fortunate.

She gave her life to Christ when she was 8 years old. Because her father was

sitting in another location and had been asked to offer the closing prayer, he learned only afterward that the child he prayed to win many souls to Christ was his own. Jean accompanied her father each Sunday when he ministered at the Howard Lake Church of Christ: playing the piano, teaching Sunday School, working with the youth, writing and directing church programs, and going calling with one of her parents and her brother, John.

Jean graduated from Minnesota Bible College in 1948, where her father was both professor and Dean. She was blessed to hear many conversations when missionaries visited their home. In those days, she was one of the students who would travel to teach vacation Bible school and provide music for churches in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Indiana. Jean majored in Elementary Education at the University of Minnesota and taught 4th grade at Adair School in Robbinsdale.

She married Calvin Miller in 1951 and worked alongside him in all of his ministries. Even while he was a student minister in Nevis, MN, she was his right hand. They traveled there for a long, full weekend of church work, then drove back Sunday night. When Calvin could no longer stay awake with their singing, Jean would take the wheel and they would arrive back at their Minneapolis efficiency apartment, complete with Murphy bed and a kitchen with 3 plate burners in time for him to take his Psychology class in the morning. Her brother, John and wife Dot lived on the 3rd floor and they had some very good times together.

In 1953, she moved with Calvin to serve at New Market Christian Church in Indiana while Calvin attended seminary. She continued her usual avenues of serving in addition to giving inspirational talks to high school girls, teaching piano lessons and playing for revival meetings. Five of their six children were born there: Jim, Stephen (who died at birth), David, Connie, and Philip.

The family moved to Worthington, MN in 1965 where they served at the Worthington Church of Christ. Jean continued her church work, substitute taught at Central Elementary School, and accompanied several community musicals. Their sixth child, Brett, was born in Worthington.

In 1978, they moved to work with the Christian Church in Coon Rapids, MN, where she added Bible Bowl coach to her duties.

Throughout all of their ministries and wherever she lived, Jean did what she did best. She provided music and taught. Her family, husband, and church were the love of her life. She was happiest when helping and teaching.

Jean is survived by her children James (Sherry) of Hickory Hills, Illinois; David (Jeanine) of Coon Rapids, MN; Constance (Brian) of Roseville, MN; and Brett (Jill) of Little Canada, MN. Sixteen grandchildren and Thirteen great grandchildren have all benefited from her love of Jesus, the church, music, and them.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin; sons Stephen and Philip; her parents, sisters Elizabeth and Ruth, and brother John.

Her last word was, "Hallelujah".

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at the Southeast Christian Church, 960 15th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN. Visitation one hour prior to service.

Tribute Wall

ML

“ I am heartbroken to hear of Jean's passing. Jean was my piano teacher for 12 years and I have her to thank for my love and knowledge of the piano. I have a special place in my heart for Jean and will remember everything she taught me.

Mariah Lundahl - November 05, 2024 at 08:17 PM

AY

“ Alexis Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of M. Jean Miller.

Alexis Y. - October 04, 2024 at 02:52 PM

AY

“ Alexis Y. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of M. Jean Miller.



Alexis Y. - October 04, 2024 at 02:52 PM

DM

“ Dennis Miller & Kim Mumford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of M. Jean Miller.

Dennis Miller & Kim Mumford - October 04, 2024 at 12:14 AM

DM

“ Dennis Miller & Kim Mumford purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of M. Jean Miller.



Dennis Miller & Kim Mumford - October 04, 2024 at 12:14 AM

TF

“ The Muggs and Neva Schield Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of M. Jean Miller.



The Muggs and Neva Schield Family - October 03, 2024 at 06:30 PM

LD

“ Larry Gentry & Family send our deepest sympathy to the Miller family. Calvin married Larry & Madonna back in 1959. We spent many Sunday lunches together at the home of Larry's parents Eva & Bill. Jean was wonderful about keeping in touch with our family through all our happiest and sad moments in life. May the peace of Our Loving Father fill your days and years to come with beautiful memories of your beautiful mom.

Larry Gentry & Daughters - September 30, 2024 at 10:16 AM

TF

“ The Boots Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of M. Jean Miller.



The Boots Family - September 25, 2024 at 01:28 PM

CC

“ I thank God for Jean and Calvin being a part of my life! I cherish the many wonderful memories I have of the Miller family! May God bless each one of you with his peace.

Carol Boots Cannon - September 19, 2024 at 06:57 AM

SW

“ Scott And Wendy Von Wald lit a candle in memory of M. Jean Miller



Scott and Wendy von Wald - September 18, 2024 at 11:48 PM

KR

“ I was lucky enough to be a namesake of Jean, who was my mom’s best friend. They remained very close for all those from when they came to New Market, IN until my mom passed in 2000. The last thing my mom heard in the form of a letter, was a letter from Jean as I read it to her a few days before mom passed! I always felt Jean must have felt the end nearing, as the letter was filled with a few of the MANY memories they shared! Mom and Jean had a special relationship, actually my mom and dad and Calvin and Jean remained close all those years! After mom died, Jean continued to stay in contact with my family as though we were part of her family!! The talks and letters I shared with Jean are treasures to me and she Calvin will continue to live on in the Boots family’s hearts and minds! My love goes out to the Miller family, an extension of our family! ❤️

Kathryn Jean Boots Riner - September 18, 2024 at 03:44 PM

BL

Well said, sister Kathy Jean! Bless this beautiful family. Barbara

Barbara Boots Lawson - September 18, 2024 at 04:41 PM

JO

Jeanne loved to remind my John that she knew him as an active 4 year old in VBS in Eagle Lake, Mn. And me as that blonde little girl with her mom and dad. Jeanne was always a great encourager and her music thrilled all of us. My love to the family. Till we meet again! Judy Otto

Judy Otto - September 19, 2024 at 12:38 PM

SH

"Cousin Jean" was special. I was the youngest of the "Price" cousins and I grew up admiring them all - but I wanted to be like Jean! I didn't have her talents but she had a great influence on me. My love to all the family, scattered as we are. Yes, she was special!

Sherry Price Hanley

Sherry Hanley - September 20, 2024 at 09:55 PM

JH

Loved her family and the legacy they leave fir all of us

Jean Webb Hess - September 21, 2024 at 08:41 PM

LB

Her music, her smile, her caring for all of us in the Worthington Flock, will always be remembered. May God bless your memories.

Linda Beerman - September 22, 2024 at 01:09 PM