



Nancy Miller

December 19, 1947 - October 13, 2025

Nancy Miller, 77, of Thornton, passed away Monday, October 13, 2025 at Heritage Care in Mason City. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday at Thornton United Methodist Church 404 Maple Street, Thornton. She will be laid to rest at the Pleasant View Cemetery following the service. A public visitation will be held from 5-7:00 p.m. on Friday at the Thornton United Methodist Church. Woodley Funeral Home of Thornton is caring for Nancy and her family.

Nancy passed away peacefully at 12:50 a.m. Monday after a 32 year battle with M.S. a cancer bout, dementia, and a stroke to be with the lord.

Nancy was born December 19, 1947. She was the daughter of Leonard and Nan Garnas. Following graduation with the class of 66 of Northwood Kensetts she went onto LaJames Beauty College where she earned her Certificate. Nancy was blessed with two daughters, Melanie and Mindy.

She worked as a beautician, a cook at the Manly Nursing Home, and at Sperry-Unises in Clear Lake. She then Met and married Dale Miller in 1986 and lived on a farm at Thornton, and raised her family while working at Fuel Time gas station in Thornton, and Farm and Home Publishing in Belmond.

Nancy loved to spend time with her grandchildren and raising flowers

especially geraniums. She also liked making craft items, she enjoyed making a yearly trip to Saint Louis to watch a Cardinal baseball game.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 39 years, Dale, her daughters Melanie Allen and Mindy Morris, 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Nan Garnas, and Dale's parents Myrl and Iva Miller.

Thank you to Heritage Care Center and St. Croix Hospice for their excellent care and service.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Thornton United Methodist Church
404 Maple Street
Thornton, IA 50479

Funeral service

OCT 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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404 Maple Street
Thornton, IA 50479

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear about Nancy’s passing. We were good friends in high school and spent a lot of time together. I remember staying overnight at her house before her parents had an inside bathroom only an outhouse and we used a pot she kept under her bed at night. She was supposed to be a bridesmaid at my wedding but Melanie was born that week so she couldn’t. The last time I saw her was at our 50th class reunion and we had a great visit! Thoughts and prayers to all of you-Nancy was a very special person.

Linda Myhre - November 05, 2025 at 09:04 AM