



## Teresa "Terrie" Mae Miller

February 16, 1956 - November 7, 2025

Teresa "Terrie" Mae (DeFoe) Miller, our loving wife, mother, daughter and sister went home suddenly to be with her beautiful Savior and heavenly family on November 7th, 2025. Terrie was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 16th, 1956 to Marvin and Virginia (Butterfield) DeFoe. Terrie grew up in the area of Bayfield, Wisconsin and attended high school there until she graduated in 1974. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Stout and graduated with a degree in Special Education. Terrie had a remarkable ability in working with special needs children and adults. Her heart was moved with a deep compassion for those who needed extra help and love. Her most recent work was with Mothering Matters in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, where she has lived for the last 10 years. Mothering Matters is a ministry that mentors mothers of young children. Terrie's entire life was dedicated to serving others.

From baker to special education teacher, from "life of the party" to crafter, Terrie's talents and abilities were remarkable and varied. She was unusually creative and always had an idea as to how to add more fun or thoughtfulness to any get together. If you wanted a memorable occasion that would make people feel welcome, happy and blessed, you called Terrie. She was always willing to help and make a positive difference.

To anyone blessed enough to have met and known her, Terrie displayed a beauty and charisma that was all her own. She always displayed a vibrance and an enthusiasm for life that was contagious. Terrie made you laugh and always helped you find the blessings and joy in small things. She had a way of making you feel special and she always had a knack for expressing her love in sweet and unique ways. While she was simple in her daily life--her love was extravagant.

Terrie accepted Jesus while in college and lived a powerful example of his grace and love ever since. She lived her faith without compromise and would often speak to others about what he did for her and how they, too, could experience the joy of knowing him. As we all know, Terrie was seldom without words. Time and time again she would approach people she did not know just to offer a kind word or a helping hand. Her zest for life, mixed with Christlike compassion, made her a force for God's Kingdom. Could we number the hearts she touched for eternity, we would be amazed. Terrie made the difference for so many souls time after time. She had a heart for children, the disabled, the aged and the outcast. She made it her life's mission to bless and to be a blessing. To her the small things mattered just as much as the big things and she always lived her life in a way that reflected the truth of God's Word. Her crown now bestowed most surely displays the profound impact she has made for Heaven's Kingdom.

To say she is missed is an inadequate expression of our true feelings. A beautiful and bright light is no longer visible within our earthly walk. While this may be true, we do know that the life and light of Terrie Miller is shining brightly on the other side of the Heavenly veil. Our beautiful one is now more alive than we are, fulfilling the call and destiny placed upon her life from the moment she was born out of the Father's heart.

To honor her and her legacy of life and light, let us diligently pursue in our lives the actions and words that will reflect the love of Jesus as Terrie always did on this earth. In this way our sweet Terrie will continue to live through our tangible expressions of His heart to those around us.

She is survived by her loving husband of 41 years, Bruce, and her daughter, Bethany. She also leaves behind 5 sisters, Sally, Linda, Debbie, Brenda, Dena and one brother, Marvin. Also surviving her is her father in law, Duane Schmidt and her sister in law, Lisa, and a host of beautiful nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. Preceding her in going home are her parents, her sister Mame (Mary) and her four angel babies. Jesus and her family meant everything to Terrie. She prayed day and night until the time she left that each one of them would someday see Him and believe in His Name.

Services will be held at Believers Fellowship in West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma, on Saturday, November 22nd at 11:00 AM. Visitation will proceed the service at 10:00 AM.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Believers Fellowship Church  
5524 Cedar Drive  
West Siloam Springs , OK 74338

## Celebration of Life

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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5524 Cedar Drive  
West Siloam Springs , OK 74338

## Committal

NOV **22** (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wasson Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Teresa "Terrie" Mae Miller*



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**Wasson Funeral Home** - November 25, 2025 at 05:55 PM

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“ *When Terrie and Bruce lived in Marquette Michigan, I met her in church. It didn't take long for Terrie and I to become really good friends. She was the kind of friend that you could get close to real quick because she had that kind of heart for people.. I have many memories with Terrie. I worked with her in the daycare nursery at new life Church in Marquette, Michigan... when Thanksgiving came around we would go to a grocery store and ask if they would donate a turkey for people who weren't going to have such a good Thanksgiving.. She was always thinking about how to bless people. I learned so much from her... she walked always how she talked. I'm so happy she is where she is... my memory with her will never fade ... I love you, Terrie Miller.💕*

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**Donna Lerlie** - December 05, 2025 at 03:36 PM

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“ Terrier was such a blessing to both me and my special needs daughter Christine. She brought such life, compassion, tenderness and acceptance to us and so so many others in her lifetime. I am forever grateful for knowing Terrie and being counted as her friends. So many smiles, good talks, and silly wonderful laughter we all shared because of Terrie's wonderful heart. She will never be forgotten here in Marquette and I so look forward to see her in Heaven.

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**Laura Steere** - November 14, 2025 at 08:33 PM



“ My BFF. Terrie was a bright, bright light for Jesus this side of Heaven. Her heart and actions always pointed to love, kindness and compassion. She was a wonderful character as well and oh the laughs we shared as roommates in college! She shared Jesus with me at UW-Stout and my life was forever changed. Love you forever Terrie with an "ie". Your legacy continues through Bruce and Bethany and ALL WHO LOVED YOU SO!!!



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**Linda Hauptmann Johnson** - November 14, 2025 at 06:55 PM

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“ Terrie and I met in church and we became instant friends.. She became part of my family very quickly... it was not hard to love her.. I watched how she lived her life, and this lady was real.. when I had breast cancer, she had my ex-husband and I over to her house for dinner and all of a sudden I heard singing and it wasn't coming from any kind of music in the house so I'm curious and Terrie motion to me too look outside and there were 14 ladies out there who had a scarf and a hat on because I had lost my hair from chemotherapy and they were singing. We love you, Donna. Oh yes, we do . talk about cry. This was the kind of person she wants., she thought so much about other people that if you didn't love her, there was something wrong with you.. I enjoyed her friendship for 35 years until she passed away. I certainly would've wanted to live closer to her, but we both lived in different states and I had not seen her for many years, but she was always in my heart and we always communicated.. memories of her will always stay fresh in my heart.. She was my sister from another mother..

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**Donna Lerlie** - November 14, 2025 at 06:37 PM

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“ I have a lot of memories of Terri  
The many breakfast and dinners we shared togethsr. She was a very special lady. I will always love her and will always remember her.

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**Carryl Summitt** - November 14, 2025 at 06:18 PM