



## Carolyn (Jackson) Miller

February 19, 1948 - June 11, 2018

Carolyn (Jackson) Miller, 70, of America, IL passed away at 5:30 PM on Monday, June 11, 2018 at her daughter's home in America.

She was born February 19, 1948 in Anna, the daughter of Dallas Sr. and Patty (Garnett) Jackson. She married Ray Dale "C-Ray" Miller in 1971 and they had three children.

Carolyn was a high school graduate of Mounds Township. She went on to graduate from Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education. She exercised her passions in the areas of physical fitness, bodybuilding competitions and coaching girls' basketball and softball during her 30 year tenure at Meridian School District 101.

Carolyn spent her life farming and managing the Jackson and Miller family farms in Villa Ridge and America, IL. After completing a career in education, and a second career in construction, she traded the last of her beloved Corvettes for a truck and a trailer and re-energized her passion for horses. This launched her retirement hobby centered around raising Thoroughbred horses and watching them compete on regional racing circuits. Carolyn was also active with local animal shelters and rescue groups.

Survivors include her children, Tracey Miller of Cape Girardeau, MO, Cindy

(Kevin) Calvin of America, IL; step-children, Darrell (Marilyn) Miller of Brawley, CA and Carol (Randy) George of Grand Chain, IL; father, Dallas Jackson, Sr. of Mounds, IL; mother, Patty (Harold) Schmarje of Jackson, MO; grandson, James Calvin of America, IL and numerous other step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings, Marsha Martin of DesLoge, MO, Dallas (Tanya) Jackson, Jr. of Urbana, IL, Steve Jackson of Chantilly, VA, Pamela Jackson of Lee's Summit, MO; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2011 and daughter, Raelen Miller in 2009.

Per Carolyn's wishes, there will be a private family ceremony held at a later date at the Miller Family Cemetery in America, IL.

She was also an active member of Center Church in Olmsted, Ill.

Memorial contributions can be made to Union County Animal Control or a local animal rescue of donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carolyn (Jackson) Miller*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Wonderful friend and neighbor. She worked for what she believed in to the fullest. She will be missed.*

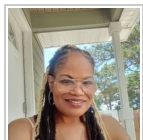


**Kay Niestrath** - June 17, 2018 at 06:42 AM



“ *Mrs. Miller was an wonderful person, awesome mother and wife, and an even better teacher and coach! Her love of sports was so infectious. I wasn't the greatest of athletes lol, but the way she pushed and motivated you I sure thought I was! Thank you for all the laughs and cries lol. You will be missed! Praying for the family! Love you all!*

**Ericka Davis-Weston** - June 14, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Mrs. Miller was the best teacher, she held no punches and made you strive to do better. She will be truly missed*

**Tasheana Cohen** - June 14, 2018 at 07:13 AM



“ Irreplaceable! Mrs Miller made me a better athlete with her tough love & drive! Once I got in the Army & played ball for the post team, I always accredited my drive & talent to her. Thank you Mrs Miller❤️ prayers 🙏 for T-ray & Cindy & family

Jae Mulatto - June 13, 2018 at 11:44 PM



Excuse the errors...I meant got in the Army

Jae Mulatto - June 13, 2018 at 11:45 PM

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“ My prayers and condolences to the family. She was a great teacher and coach. She will be missed. Sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers to the family.

Tina Blake - June 13, 2018 at 11:17 PM

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“ Sending my thoughts and prayers to her family. She was absolutely one of my favorite teachers and always had nothing but encouragement for someone. She always made me want to try harder and to push farther. Truly will be missed.

Cynthia Spaulding (Kennedy) - June 13, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ So very sorry to hear this news! She was my phys Ed teacher in the 90s very genuine woman very sweet and a huge inspiration to those who had the privilege of knowing her! My thoughts and prayers to the family

Tammy Ledbetter Donoho - June 13, 2018 at 10:26 PM

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“ A lovely person who thought of everyone else, first. She was also a positive force with the youth of Meridian and with her family. Always remembered and never forgotten for her dedication and love for her farms, her animals and her loved ones. Prayers.

*Monica and Jerry Smith*

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**MONICA SMITH** - June 13, 2018 at 01:21 PM

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“ My heart and prayers go out to you Cindy and T. Ray. I enjoyed my time teaching side by side your mom and loved coaching with her while at Meridian. She and I played in a few golf tournaments and surprised everyone one year at Anna by taking first place. But when we arrived for the tournament, Carolyn looked at me and just said, "Lets just win the whole thing". And we did. although I had not seen or talked with her in a few years I have very fond memories of her. She was probably the hardest working women I ever knew and was afraid of nothing. My prayers are with you at this time.



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**Heather Heisner** - June 13, 2018 at 10:07 AM

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“ Dallas, Steve and family,

*Sorry to hear of Carolyn's death. I had Carolyn as a PE teacher at Meridian in the 1970's. I remember taking archery and tennis in her class. I know she will be missed. May God give your family the peace that only he can give at this difficult time.*

*Bill and Joni(Edwards) Copeland  
Texas*

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**Joni Copeland** - June 12, 2018 at 06:39 PM