



## Janice J. Miller

November 16, 1939 - October 14, 2025

Janice Joy Miller was born on November 16, 1939, in Grand Island, Nebraska, to Eugene “Snooks” and Lola (Ganow) Engle, the second of six children. She passed away peacefully at her home in Exeter on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, after a courageous battle with breast cancer, at the age of 85 years, 10 months, and 28 days.

As a young girl, Janice loved going to the library, movies, swimming, and attending parades. When she was 10, the family moved from Grand Island to Exeter. Janice attended Exeter Public Schools and graduated in 1957. While in high school, she enjoyed countless movies and school dances with close friends June, Judy, Susan, and Donna. They became lifelong friends. Janice met John C. Miller when he joined Exeter Public Schools as a freshman. They dated throughout high school and were united in marriage on April 11th, 1959. John & Janice were blessed with 4 children: Pam, John R., Janet, and Cathie.

John and Janice made their home in rural Exeter. Janice embraced life as a farmwife, always ensuring a hot meal was ready and providing transportation from field to field. She found joy in gardening, canning, freezing, sewing, baking, and welcoming family and friends into their home. Later, she worked as a substitute cook at Exeter Public Schools, where she would sneak her grandkids extra cookies. Speaking of cookies, she was known far and wide for her decorated sugar cookies and delicious chocolate chip cookies! Everyone

wanted a 'Grandma Cookie!' She was very proud to teach her grandkids and great-grandkids her special recipe that included 12 shakes of salt, with the extra special hip shakes.

Janice enjoyed playing bridge, tending to her flowers, family campouts, sewing masks during COVID, and creating personalized birthday and anniversary cards for her family. Her greatest pride and joy were her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She loved reading and singing special songs with the little ones. As all the kids got older, she could always be found cheering them on at every activity, sometimes attending three to four events in a single day. Later, when she could not attend in person, she watched online. Janice was also an avid Husker fan; if the Huskers were playing, she was listening or watching, no matter the sport.

Janice was a member of Exeter Methodist Community Church for more than 50 years. She served in numerous leadership and fundraising positions at church for many years.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, John C. Miller, Exeter, NE; her children, Pam Northup (Tom), Grand Island, NE, John R. Miller (Sheila), Exeter, NE, Janet Riepe (Doug), Spring Hill, KS, and Cathie Boyle (Bob), Crete, NE; 14 grandchildren: Janelle Williams (Clint), Dana Myers (Matt), Nick Northup (Amber), John D. Miller (Kilee), Chris Northup (Allyson), Jennifer Riepe, Jake Miller (Macy), Chelsea Thiem (Takota), MiKayla Jansen (Ben), Kirk Riepe (Kaylee), Riley Nichols (Amanda), Bridgette Nichols, Caitlynn Boyle, and Jayden Boyle; 22 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Sandy Bock (Larry), David City, NE and Glenda Cole (Dick), Columbus, NE; sisters-in-law, Cecilia Miller, Leland, NC and Denise Engle, Victoria, TX; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and cherished friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Lola Engle;

grandson, Evan Riepe; parents-in-law, John O. and Melba Miller; sister, Donna Repenn; brothers, Jim and Fred Engle; brothers/sisters-in-law, Alan Miller, Don Bock, Sharon & Ken Harre, and lola Engle; and a great friend/cousin Darlene Harders.

A Funeral Service for Janice was held on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Exeter Methodist Community Church in Exeter, Nebraska. Pastor Murry Johnston presided over the Funeral Service. The congregational hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" was sang by the congregation. Takota Thiem provided special music and sang "Amazing Grace." The recorded selections "One Day At A Time" and "I Can Only Imagine" were also played during the service.

Pallbearers included Nick Northup, John D. Miller, Chris Northup, Jake Miller, Kirk Riepe, Riley Nichols, and Jayden Boyle. Honorary pallbearers included Janelle Williams, Dana Myers, Jennifer Riepe, Chelsea Thiem, MiKayla Jansen, Bridgette Nichols, and Caitlynn Boyle. Special Honorary Pallbearer was Evan Riepe (dec.)

A Graveside Service was held in the Exeter Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com)

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

# Cemetery Details

## Exeter Cemetery

Exeter, NE 68351

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer Funeral Home  
305 South Burlington Avenue  
Exeter, NE 68351  
(402) 266-3621  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present for Visitation

OCT **19**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Farmer Funeral Home  
305 South Burlington Avenue  
Exeter, NE 68351  
(402) 266-3621  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

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OCT **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Exeter Methodist Community Church  
319 E Seneca Street  
Exeter, NE 68351

## Graveside Service

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OCT **20** (CT)

Exeter Cemetery  
Exeter, NE 68351

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Sending special thoughts and prayers to John and all Janice's children and grandchildren. I am so sorry for your loss. Cherish the good memories and love she brought into your lives. She was a good friend in high school and a wonderful and loving person. Sending my love. Jody Harre Senter*

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**Jody Senter** - October 22, 2025 at 11:50 AM

LK

“ *Dear John and Family,*

*I was very saddened to hear of Janice's passing. She was always such a kind and gracious person, and I feel fortunate to have known both of you through my years at the firm. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time.*

*May the many memories you shared bring you comfort and peace in the days ahead.*

*With sympathy,  
Larry Kopsa*

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**Larry Kopsa** - October 21, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ 62 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 20, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ I met Janice thru Class of 57 reunions in Exeter. We became friends and I felt like a member of the class too. Leonard and I always enjoyed our visits with her and John. May she rest in peace. 🙏

Carolyn Chlup - October 20, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ Barb and Bob Votipka lit a candle in memory of Janice Miller



Barb and Bob Votipka - October 19, 2025 at 09:00 AM

PF

“ *Phyllis Horn (Amanda Horn Family) purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Janice J. Miller.*



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**Phyllis Horn (Amanda Horn Family)** - October 18, 2025 at 11:30 AM

JG

“ *Jason George lit a candle in memory of Janice J. Miller*



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**Jason george** - October 18, 2025 at 05:47 AM

JG

“ *Jason George lit a candle in memory of Janice J. Miller*



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**Jason george** - October 18, 2025 at 05:43 AM

NP

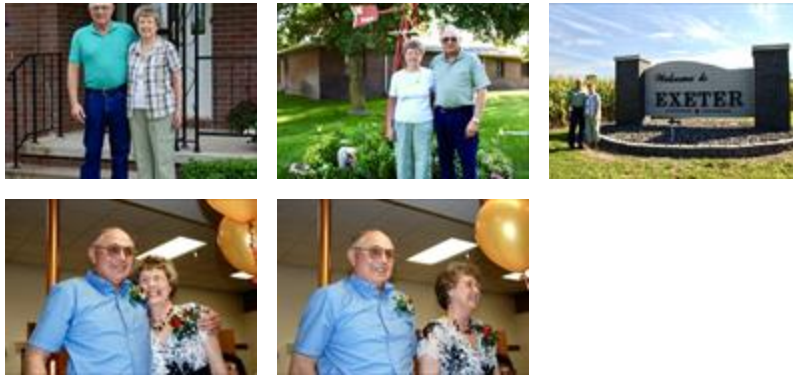
“ Janice was a blessing to everyone who knew her. I'm going to miss her so much, but I'm happy she is now in Heaven and is completely healed. I will miss her cards, letters, texts, phone calls and mostly visiting in person. She married my cousin John in 1959 and we have enjoyed so many wonderful times together when we would visit them in Nebraska, and also when they would visit us in California. Sending love and prayers to John and the entire Miller family!



Nancy Petz - October 18, 2025 at 12:43 AM

NP

“ 34 files added to the album Wonderful Memories with the Miller Family



Nancy Petz - October 18, 2025 at 12:27 AM

LS

“ Lisa, Christina and Christopher Schwab purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Janice J. Miller.



Lisa, Christina and Christopher Schwab - October 17, 2025 at 09:21 PM

TJ

“ Haven't been in touch for years but never out of my thoughts with great memories of visiting you in Exeter and the family reunions we had together. Always a sweet and caring person, may you and your loved ones find Peace with the Lord. Tim Jordan

Tim Jordan - October 17, 2025 at 04:19 PM

TF

“ The Gloystein Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Janice J. Miller.



The Gloystein Family - October 17, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice J. Miller.



October 17, 2025 at 09:26 AM

MM

“ Mike and Christie Motley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice J. Miller.

Mike and Christie Motley - October 17, 2025 at 09:26 AM

CS

“ *Janice was one of the nicest neighbors anyone could ask for, she always welcomed me over with open arms. My condolences to John and the family.*

*Chris Schwab*



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**Chris Schwab** - October 16, 2025 at 08:01 PM

NA

“ *Nancy, Julie, Chad, Emme & Aubrey purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Janice J. Miller.*



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**Nancy, Julie, Chad, Emme & Aubrey** - October 16, 2025 at 05:26 PM

ML

“ *Maureen L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice J. Miller.*

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**Maureen L.** - October 16, 2025 at 05:10 PM

KM

“ *Kevin and Terri Motley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Janice J. Miller.*



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**Kevin and Terri Motley** - October 16, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Janice J. Miller.*



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October 16, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ *From your CAMC family! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice J. Miller.*

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**From your CAMC family!** - October 16, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ *Your Anteriad Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Janice J. Miller.*



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**Your Anteriad Family** - October 16, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ *Cecilia, Adam, Jessie, Shane, and Aidan purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Janice J. Miller.*



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**Cecilia, Adam, Jessie, Shane, and Aidan** - October 16, 2025 at 10:05 AM

CA

“ Cecilia, Adam, Jessie, Shane, and Aidan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice J. Miller.

Cecilia, Adam, Jessie, Shane, and Aidan - October 16, 2025 at 10:05 AM

TF

“ The Parker Family purchased the Simply Elegant *Spathiphyllum* for the family of Janice J. Miller.



The Parker Family - October 15, 2025 at 09:06 PM

TF

“ The Parker Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice J. Miller.

The Parker Family - October 15, 2025 at 09:06 PM

JJ

“ I will never forget the hunting trip Dad, Steve Tollett and I made to the farm to deer hunt with Johnny and family. The breakfast that Aunt Janice made was out of this world!!! I will miss her so much! God has another great one up there!

Jim Engle Jr - October 15, 2025 at 07:14 PM

LT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with John and the family. Janice always had a smile and made the best butterscotch rolls for our annual church Thanksgiving dinners. I enjoyed serving with her at UMW. She will be missed.*

*Lynnelle Trauger*

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**Lynnelle Trauger** - October 15, 2025 at 06:36 PM