



Ann Miller

February 17, 1962 - August 3, 2006

Memorial services for Ann Lindley Miller, 44, Tyler, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Monday, Aug. 7, 2006, at the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dwight Sewell officiating. Mrs. Miller passed away on Thursday Aug. 3, 2006 in Tyler. She was born in Crown Point, IN to Donald J. and Jane G. Lindley on Feb. 17, 1962 and then moved to Naperville, IL, where she graduated from high school in 1980. She was a member of First Christian Church in Naperville. Mrs. Miller was fond of the arts and previously served on the board of the Tyler Civic Ballet. She enjoyed traveling and embroidery. Mrs. Miller was the assistant principal for Caldwell Elementary Arts Academy and played a key role in the planning and development of the academy five years ago. Prior to moving to Tyler, Mrs. Miller lived in Dallas and worked ten years for the Dallas ISD where she served as dean of instruction, instructional specialist for middle schools, talented and gifted program coordinator, language arts teacher and teacher of the talented and gifted. Mrs. Miller has a master's degree in educational administration from the University of North Texas and a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Western Illinois University. She also served as a workshop leader, curriculum writer, conference organizer and representative on statewide committees. Mrs. Miller was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma, National Middle School Association and Texas Middle School Association and held certifications in elementary education, English language arts, talented and gifted education and administration. Teaching children and a love for

education were her passions. She is preceded in death by her father, Donald J. Lindley. Mrs. Miller is survived by her loving family including her husband of seven years, Terry Miller of Tyler; her mother, Jane Lindley of Illinois; and two brothers, David Lindley and Bob Lindley, both of Illinois. Visitation will be from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, TX 75703. If desired, memorials may be made to a fund at Austin State Bank in memory of Ann Miller benefiting Under Privileged Kids at Caldwell Elementary School or to the American Diabetes Association. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *What a wonderful woman!
I am in shock.
I loved working with Ann on Young
Audiences missions.
She was such an advocate for education
and the arts. I just can't stand that she
is no longer part of our lives; however, her glowing spirit will always
be with us. I want to send my love and prayers to her family and just
want them to know how very much she will be missed. Sincerely
Yours, Mary Shelmire, previous board President and current board
advisor of Young Audiences of
Northeast, Texas*

Mary Shelmire - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *I can only express to you how much I loved Ann. We worked
together for so long, and there were so many times that a word from
Ann made my worst of times seem bearable. She didn't just inspire
and encourage me. I personally witnessed her work her magic with
students. As a teacher, she was what we all aspire to be. I'm so
grateful that she shared her love with me. It was one of the greatest
honors of my life to sing at her wedding. I still sing for Ann; she was
my biggest fan, maybe my only fan. In my classroom and home,
there are so many reminders of Ann and her love for our school.
More important than that, what she gave her students will last them
a lifetime. So, in a way, her influence will never stop. Godspeed,
dear Ann. You are one of the most beautiful people I ever knew.
David Benn*

David Benn - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Ms. Lindley - Ann - was an incredibly talented, loving and caring individual who knew what her purpose in life was. Very few of us do. Her heart and her head were truly connected and she knew nothing but doing good for others, whether they be student, neighbor, friend, family member. She shall be truly missed but affectionately remembered by many, many people - young and old! My sincerest condolences go out to Ann's loving husband, immediate relatives in her family and the many members of her extended family.

Jose Plata - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Ann taught all three of our children and contributed to their lives in numerous ways. We all learned from Ann. Her creativity as a teacher is unsurpassed. Who of her Language Arts students can't still sing the preposition song? She touched countless lives and gave of herself so generously. Seventh grade writing students never forgot the lessons when she put on apron and chef's hat to make Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches following each of their written instructions. No one enjoyed children's programs more than Ann. I can hear her contagious laughter even now. Ann will always be so much a part of our family's memories and our children's growth as individuals. Words cannot express our loss or our love for her.

Chris and Mary Ann Climer - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Ann was such a valued person in the community, in education, and in the arts. She really made a difference and will be missed.

Susan Thomae-Morphew - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ *What an incredible lady and friend. I always called her the queen and asked to be allowed to approach the throne. She will be missed but will always have a special place in history and my memory.*

George A. Faber, II - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *"Sumalangit nawa ang kanyang kaluluwa!" Filipino for: May she rest in celestial peace!
My family and I extend sincerest sympathies to Ann's beloved surviving family and her extended family in TISD.*

ed santos - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Ann was a tried and true friend to all of us. Her sense of humor was one of her greatest traits. We became friends when we started with the DISD, new teacher orientation 1985. I could see from the day we met that she was not only a fantastic person but would be a fantastic teacher as well.*

Ann taught me to play a game called chandeliers. So here's a toast to her for each glass on the table. (Some of which only she will understand!)

- 1. Here's to toilet paper and principals' back yards...*
- 2. Here's to La Luna Loca in the window of a very small car...*
- 3. Here's to "Heavy Beef & Hard L" in New Orleans...*
- 4. Hers's to G-spots and dead bird's on an October camping trip...*
- 5. Here's to weekend movie nights and cereal for dinner...*
- 6. Here's to internet dating & axe-murderers...What a way to find the absolute love of your life!
She was so very lucky to find a man like Terry.*
- 7. Finally, here's to a woman who will truly be missed by everyone who was ever touched by her beautiful life.*

Terry Martens Belsher - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ when you see ann in your mind you see a face shining with happiness. her smile could lift your heart at any time. i think of ann as one of the truly nice people in my life. she was never critical of others, always being positive and sweet. what i most remember about ann was her ability to have fun...she was not afraid to just be herself. one of those memories is a talent show at greiner with her singing a diana ross song with a boa around her neck...other memories are the talent shows at Rosemont Christian Church with her singing her heart out....what a great loss for us. her laughter, her wisdom and her love of children. my love and prayers to her family in this time of grief.

love,

marie

marie bingham - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Ann was like the sister I never had. I loved to tease her and she loved to tease me back. Our standard joke was that every time I saw her I said, "I like your hair." Then Ann would give me a look and say, "Coming from you, that means a lot." :) Ann was a remarkable person, she was sometimes reserved, but more often out going. When there was a job to be done Ann was the first to volunteer to do it and would do her part and more. Ann was an animal lover, especially cats. She always spoke highly of her family and loved them deeply. I will always remember her sense of humor. I love you, Ann.

Craig Pinnell - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Cathy says: When I think of Ann, I think of LAUGHTER! Ann was vibrant, witty, funny, smart, loving, caring and a true friend. She was honorable, a consummate teacher, a role model, and pried piper to kids and adults who wanted to follow her and be her friend. She was a leader, an instigator, mischievous, and fun loving. She was a part of our family and made us a part of hers. She was my dear dear friend and I miss her very much.

Cathy Pinnell - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Ann was a gifted educator taken from us much too soon. She touched many in her short life. Her family, the field of education and her friends and acquaintances have lost a treasure.

Sharon Jennings - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I am sorry for your loss. In the days ahead, as grief makes its presence known, may you be comforted by all who offer their care -- those who write notes, who send cards, who bring food, who telephone, who come by the house, and come to the service of remembrance for Ann. And, may the peace of God come to you through each of them.

Rev. Pam Holt - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ God's grace will carry you through this most difficult time. I will always remember Ann's smiling face and her willingness to help others at Greiner Middle School. May God bless and keep you.

Louise White - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Ann Miller will always remain in my heart and memory as one of God's truly beautiful people. Her laughter resonates in my mind causing a smile to form on my face from more than a million cherished memories. I know Ann is in a place of peace sharing a boisterous laugh with her father. Ann always managed to accept people where they were and instill a desire in them to become a better person. I will miss her for the rest of my life.*

I love you, Ann!

Chris Bedenbaugh - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *When I think of Ann I always think of good times and laughter. Ann was always the life of the party and the funniest person I knew. She was always making us laugh when we would get together with the Greiner gang.*

I also think of her as a dedicated teacher who cared so much for her students. She was an incredibly creative teacher who would think up new ways of teaching her language arts lessons so her kids would understand.

Ann will be missed so much. I am so fortunate to have so many wonderful memories of her.

Elizabeth Hamilton - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *What a special person! Ann & Terry both have made Thanksgiving and Easter celebrations joyous for our family. We always looked forward to their witty contributions and our long conversations about our favorite "food network!" While Ann was in Dallas, I loved being in staff development sessions with her...she was a hoot!!! My family will miss her and you all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Beth Ann, Adam & Roy - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I met Ann just as I was beginning my career as an educator. I was a substitute teacher at Greiner Middle School for a semester, where Ann taught Language Arts. I was in awe of her ability to connect with the kids and to make every task seem fun. I loved to "hang out" in her classroom and watch her in action. Although I didn't know it at the time, she was a role model for me of what I came to understand was a natural teacher.

Over the years we became good friends and enjoyed many special times together. I loved it when Ann, Terry, and Jane came to my home to help us celebrate a holiday, or just be together.

Ann will remain in my heart always and I know that whenever I need a smile I can think of her loving spirit and hum one of her silly songs!

Jenean Bellah - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I named my new teddy bear that I got at the Dollar Store on Thursday Anna Banana. For my fourth birthday, when we went to visit Ann and Terry in Tyler-while Jane was in town- they surprised me with a birthday party. My cake had four candles and Jane and Ann kept lighting them to let me blow them out, even though I spit on the cake every time. They gave that piece to me, it was my special piece. I love them all.

Love,
Sammy

Sammy Pinnell - August 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM