

Bendena , KS

Donna Lee (Auxier) Miller, 76, of Bendena, Kansas, died Friday, April 22, 2022 at Mosaic Life Care in St. Joseph, Missouri, of complications from a massive stroke.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home with Fr. Michael Guastello officiating. Interment will follow in St. Benedict's Cemetery, Bendena. Visitation with the family will be Tuesday evening, from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home and for one hour preceding the service on Wednesday. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Donna Miller Scholarship Fund which will be used to award an annual scholarship to a student graduating from Riverside High School who wishes to pursue teaching Spanish and may be left in care of the Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home.

Donna was born May 30, 1945, in St. Joseph, Missouri, the only child of Charley Auxier and Laura (Waggoner) Auxier. She attended public schools in St. Joseph and graduated from Northwest Missouri State University with her bachelor's degree in education. She taught Spanish for the St. Joseph Public Schools and later at Atchison High School, then at Wathena and Elwood until her retirement. After she retired, she taught Spanish part time at Atchison Catholic Elementary School. She loved Spanish and teaching the language to others. Playing tennis was her favorite pastime and she coached girls tennis at Lafayette High School and boys tennis at Atchison High School.

She and Donald Miller were united in marriage on January 7, 1981, at St. Benedict's Church in Bendena, Kansas. Donna attended Mass at St. Benedict Parish in Atchison with her family until illness prevented her.

She took flying lessons but never did decide to pursue her pilots license because she could never find the airports from the sky. Donna enjoyed crafts, playing trivia, reading, watching western and mystery shows and movies and travelling; she travelled to all the lower 48 states and twice to Europe.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Donald Miller and her son, Kyle Miller, both of Bendena, KS. She is preceded in death by her parents.