



## Susan Christine Miller

March 15, 1945 - July 15, 2025

God needed a new angel in Heaven and so He recruited Susan Miller to cross over. Susan was 80 years young, born in Saint Joseph, Missouri to Walter and Betty Beilstein. Susan had many successful careers: hospital lab tech, substitute teacher, store manager, and store owner; Susan's final career was as a Registered Nurse at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins. She showed joy and great caring in everything she did. Her patients always came first, and nothing gave her more satisfaction than seeing a patient who was in terrible shape able to walk out of the hospital on their own steam.

Susan met John at Mizzou in Columbia, Missouri, where she earned a double degree in biology and chemistry. They fell in love and were married in 1968. John joined the army, went to flight school, and was assigned to an assault helicopter company in Vietnam. Susan took on sole parental responsibility of their new child, Christopher John. Even being with her mother and father, Susan had a challenging time with Chris missing his daddy until John was released from the military and they moved permanently to Colorado. John was contracted to work as an insurance agent and Susan began her many careers while supporting John in his insurance agency. John was promoted and the family was moved to Fort Collins, CO just in time to prepare for Elizabeth's timely arrival in July of 1973. Susan began her final career as a nurse when she reached age 50. She enrolled in the Front Range Community College's Nursing Program, graduated with honors, and was hired at Poudre Valley

Hospital on the post-op surgical unit. She retired 17 years later.

Susan is predeceased by her mother and her father, and is survived by her son, Chris, and his wife, Stacey; her daughter, Beth, and her husband, Kirt; her husband, John; and, all of her grandkids whom she loved so much. Also, her brother the Rev. W. James Beilstein, and his wife, Mary. A Celebration of Life service will be held Sat 4/25/2026 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 1200 S. Taft Hill Road.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **25**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
1200 S Taft Hill Rd  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Christine Miller*



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**Bohlender Funeral Chapel** - April 20 at 03:28 PM

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*Meeting ID: 879 7221 6999  
Passcode: 115582*

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**Bohlender** - April 20 at 03:36 PM

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*Love the picture of Susan's wonderful smile! Can you hear the laugh that came with it? How fortunate I am to have memories of sharing Larimer Chorale trips with Susan (and John). She and I ended up being the "purse watchers." We miss her in the Silvertones; it was a once-a-week chance to see that smile and exchange news. No one in heaven needs a nurse, but the choir is larger by one sweet voice now. Sending blessings and comforting memories to John and all the family.  
--Dotti Orazem*

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**Dorothy Orazem** - April 21 at 06:40 PM

SM

“ *If you're unable to attend the service in person, you can do so virtually. Here's the link for the service, Saturday, April 25th, 10:30 a.m. Mountain time: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87972216999?pwd=dJTb9Ddp31re85T07IKH7TbOONw9S8.1>*

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**Stacey Miller** - April 21 at 06:33 PM

CH

“ Oh goodness, just learned the sad news! You will be missed Susan, such a sweet woman!  
- One Source Cleaning

Charlotte Haywood - September 09, 2025 at 04:34 PM

SM

“ I am saddened to read of Susan's death. Susan was a breath of fresh air, a giver of love, energy and peace. I loved time together on the Larimer Chorale trips. Her smile and kindness are embedded in my heart. Prayers for John and the family. Sandy Martinez

Sandy Martinez - September 03, 2025 at 05:24 PM

VC

“ Susan is such a wonderful woman, every time she comes for her nails care, she always brings me flowers, she shares story about her grandkids and how wonderful they are. She loves her family and very close to them. Her beautiful smiles make everyone around her feels welcome. I miss her so much..rest in peace my dear friend.

Van Chen - August 23, 2025 at 08:01 PM

JC

“ Susan was such an inspiration to work with. We worked together on the surgical unit for years at PVH. We shared stories of our grandchildren. She was so proud of her family. She was always so genuinely joyful, quick with a smile and ready to share her knowledge with all of us. The world feels less without her.

Jane Carnes - August 19, 2025 at 04:38 PM

JK

“ I was saddened to hear of Susan’s death. Susan was such a bright light during her time at PVH. The smile in her photos tells it all. She mentored numerous students with her infectious enthusiasm for nursing. She was always so welcoming and supportive. Her enthusiasm will live on in all of those she came in contact with. Sending sympathy to her family.

Jane Koeckeritz - August 19, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ Debbie Ziph Palmer lit a candle in memory of Susan Christine Miller



Debbie Ziph Palmer - August 14, 2025 at 04:36 PM



*I am also a second cousin. As a youngster my family would take road trip vacations & often would wind up at John & Susan's in Ft. Collins for a brief visit. My brother & I would play with Chris & Beth (even though they're A LOT younger) & enjoyed those times spending with family.*

*I also remember the Christmas Eve family gatherings at Uncle Walter & Aunt Betty's. We (as kids) couldn't wait for Santa to come, played by John!*

*There's nothing more valuable than spending time with family making memories!*

*Love you Susan! Prayers of peace & comfort to her family. Even though her physical "being" is no longer here, her love and the memories will live forever in your hearts!*

Debbie Ziph Palmer - August 14, 2025 at 04:45 PM

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“ As a second cousin to Susan and being much younger, I still remember all the wonderful times we had together. We had Christmas at her parents house on Christmas Eve every year after the evening Christmas church service. All the uncles, aunts and several generations of cousins were there. Susan was always a bright spot on those evenings with her amazing smile. We all loved her dearly. She is now home with the Lord, Nanny and "Pishymom" You are dearly missed but we will meet again when I get to my eternal home.

*Love to all who mourn the passing of Susan. My prayers go out to her family and friends for healing and comfort. Tears and sorrow on earth but elation and celebration in heaven...She is home !!!!*

*Jody*

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**Jody (cousin)** - August 13, 2025 at 05:21 PM

AC

“ A warm, loving and kind person, I will miss you Susan. Rest in peace! Alwena Cooper

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**Alwena Cooper** - August 12, 2025 at 09:49 PM