



Merly Michelle Miner

December 20, 1964 - April 12, 2025

Merly Michelle Miner passed away at home in Terre Haute, IN of Breast Cancer on April 12, 2025. Merly was born December 20, 1964, in Jerseyville, Illinois, the youngest child of Ed and Claire Miner. From 1966 – 1981, Merly and her family lived in Malaysia where Merly attended Dalat School as a Missionary Kid. Merly left Malaysia after her 10th grade and then lived in St. Louis, Missouri, where she graduated high school from Westminster Christian Academy. After graduation, she briefly attended Toccoa Falls College in Georgia but in 1987, she had a single-car accident that forever changed her life. Merly became a quadriplegic and after attending Shepherd's Spinal Center in Atlanta for several months of rehabilitation, she returned home to St. Louis. In spite of her limitations, she went back to college and graduated Suma Cum Laude from the University of Missouri-St. Louis with a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and a minor in History. Merly was a member of Central Christian Church (DOC) in Terre Haute, Indiana and each week she looked forward to being a part of their Sunday service online.

Merly is survived by her companion of 30 years, Sharron R. Overby, of Terre Haute, IN, her parents, Ed and Claire Miner of Godfrey, IL, her sister, Martie (Dan) Buck of Godfrey, IL, her sister-in-law, Viviane (Mark) Shady of Toccoa, GA, her aunt, Dianna (Bill) Knight of Brush Prairie, WA, her aunt, Barbara Truax of St. Louis, MO, cousins and numerous nieces and nephews and their children.

Merly was preceded in death by her brother, Matt Miner, her maternal grandparents, William and Anna Stoll, her paternal grandparents, Frank and Hester Miner, and her two aunts, Carol Stoll and Audrey Gardiner.

Funeral Services will be held April 26, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. at Chapel Hill Mortuary in Kirkwood (St. Louis, MO) with burial to follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Kirkwood, MO.

In lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting that donations be made to: Paradise Mountain Ministries to assist in their ministry to college aged missionary kids. Donations can be made to: Paradise Mountain Ministries, 880 Falls Road, Toccoa, GA 30577.

Jumpah, a Christian Organization whose passion is to walk along-side poor, sick and disadvantaged people in Cambodia. Donations can be made to: Jumpah, 12033 Seattle Hill Road; Snohomish, WA 98296

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood

10301 Big Bend Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 965-8228
info@stlfuneral.com
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Funeral Ceremony

APR **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ I will miss Merly forever. She was such a wonderful person full of joy and light. I wish I could be there today to celebrate her life, but she will be with me always.

julie gaby - April 26, 2025 at 06:20 AM

SO

Thank you, Julie!

Sharron Overby - May 03, 2025 at 06:37 AM

MD

“ Marcia & Mike, Beth & Dave purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Merly Michelle Miner.



Marcia & Mike, Beth & Dave - April 25, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ *Merly had the most curious and passionate spirit. I sincerely looked forward to being with her and learning from her incredible gift of storytelling. Merly taught me to see the joy in the small wonders of each day, to find contentment in my circumstances and most importantly to laugh and enjoy life. Her laugh and her mischievous smile are like no one else. I could barely keep up with Merly when she was in her chair and I look forward to reuniting again when Merly is running around and introducing me to everyone she’s met. Merly has had an incredible impact on my life and my prayers are with Sharron and her family. She was so proud of each of you and I feel like I got to know you through her stories. May the Blessed Assurance of God continue to bring you comfort and peace.*

Tricia

Tricia Foster - April 25, 2025 at 07:04 AM

SO

Thank you, Tricia!

Sharron Overby - May 03, 2025 at 06:36 AM

SO

“ *The most special person I've ever known!*

Sharron Overby - April 16, 2025 at 07:22 PM

VI

Merly was a very special lady. I had the joy of knowing her. Always smiling and never complaining. Her spirit will go on forever.

Vickielements515@gmail.com - April 16, 2025 at 07:36 PM

BR

Merly was very kind and generous. She helped my blind and wheelchair dependent daughter after our big tornado here when we couldn't get supplies.

Betty Reeves - April 16, 2025 at 08:17 PM

SC

Sharon I'm so sorry for your loss and for all of the family. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. God has called home a very special angel who will be watching over all of you.

Sharon Crist - April 17, 2025 at 06:26 AM