



## Novella (nee Miller) Delbruegge

February 25, 1933 - May 14, 2019

Delbruegge, Novella, of High Ridge, Missouri, was born February 25, 1933, in Belle, Missouri to Marcellus M. and Sophia (nee Phelps) Miller and entered into rest Tuesday, May 14, 2019 in her home at the age of 86 years, 2 months and 19 days.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her son Johnnie Hue Smith, her granddaughter, Dana McDonald, her siblings, Rhoda Jett, Lillian Hassler, Ruth Vogt, Chesley Miller, Cleo Miller and Nola Youngman.

She is survived by,

her loving husband of 62 years, Richard Delbruegge,

three (3) children, Perry R. (Michelle) Delbruegge of Fenton, Missouri, Tammy Delbruegge of High Ridge, Missouri and Allen Delbruegge of Fenton, Missouri,

three (3) grandchildren, Brad Smith, Melissa Smith and Codi (Clay) Rohrer,

nine (9) great grandchildren, Patrick, Daniel, Tyler, Paige, Makayla, Brooke, Madison, Luke and Whitney,

four (4) great great granddaughters,

four (4) siblings, Oneta Hassler of Roleigh, North Carolina, Lola Hayes of Eureka, Missouri, Bill Miller of Bella, Missouri and Jim Peth-Miller Hazelwood, Missouri,

along with many other family and friends.

Novella lost her mother at the age of two and her sister Lillian stepped up and raised her. They had a special bond. Novella met and married the love of her life Richard in 1957. They had a family and were founding members of the First Baptist Church of Murphy. Novella served there as a Sunday school teacher for 50 plus years, she sang, played piano and would help wherever needed. She was a faithful Christian. Novella babysat for many families in her community over the years even second generation. She had a passion for Country and Gospel music. Richard said she was always singing. Novella also loved to sew, quilt and embroider until she developed Parkinson's in 1990. She will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Visitation Monday, May 20, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at CHAPEL HILL MORTUARY, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, Missouri. Service Tuesday, May 21, 2019 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Murphy, 203 Old Sugar Creek Road, Fenton, MO 63026. Interment at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Murphy. Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at [www.stlfuneral.com](http://www.stlfuneral.com) and follow details of this event and others in the community at [www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill](http://www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill).

# Cemetery Details

## Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

6300 SR 30  
Cedar Hill, MO 63016  
(636) 274-4100

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 20.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill  
6300 Highway 30  
Cedar Hill, MO 63016  
(636) 274-4100  
info@stlfuneral.com  
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

## Service

**MAY 21.** 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Murphy  
203 Old Sugar Creek Road  
Fenton, MO 63026

# Tribute Wall



“ *Novella (nee Miller) Delbruegge*

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January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM

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“NOVELLA MY AUNT WAS 9 YEARS OLDER THAN I AM AND LIVED WITH US FOR SOME TIME. SHE WAS LIKE AN OLDER SISTER TO ME.

ON MY LAST VISIT WITH HER SHE WAS BARELY ABLE TO SPEAK BUT WHEN I TOLD HER THE STORY OF HOW SHE SAVED MY LIFE SHE LAUGHED AND SMILED. SHE DEFINITELY REMEMBERED THAT AND REPEATED MY NAME.

WHEN I WAS ABOUT 3 WHEN A HEAVY WOODEN GATE FELL ON ME MY FACE IN DEEP DUST UNABLE TO BREATHE SHE SAW THIS FROM KITCHEN WINDOW DOING DISHES SHE GOT MOM AND DAD WHO WERE MILKING TO GET THE GATE OFF. SO SO FAR I'M STILL HERE BECAUSE OF HER.

HER AND RICH GRACIOUSLY LET ME LIVE WITH THEM IN 1960 AND TRANSPORTED ME WHILE GOING TO COMPUTER TECH SCHOOL IN WELLSTON IN ST LOUIS WAY DOWNTOWN. THEY DID THIS AND I DIDN'T TELL THEM OF THE APPRECIATION BUT I KNOW IT WAS FELT.

ONE OF MY FONDEST MEMORIES WAS HER AND MOM COOKING FOR ALL THE DEER HUNTERS. LORD ONLY KNOWS HOW MANY.

WITH ALL THE ABOVE MY FAVORITE MEMORY WAS OF HER """"BEAUTIFUL VOICE"""" SINGING "BUILD MY MANSION NEXT DOOR TO JESUS" WHERE I'M SURE SHE IS LIVING NOW.

OH, HOW I WISH I COULD HAVE PLAYED GUITAR AND SANG WITH HER - MAYBE SOMEDAY. THAT WOULD BE REAL CLOSE TO ME ENJOYING PLAYING WITH MOM AND HER HARMONICA AND PLAYING AND SINGING WITH KRISTAN OUR DAUGHTER.

MISS YA AUNT/SIS/FRIEND

LUV HARLAN HASSLER :0(

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**HARLAN HASSLER** - May 17, 2019 at 06:33 PM



*Thank you for sharing your memories. I know she sure loved you and your entire family...as do all of us.*

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**Tammy Delbruegge** - May 19, 2019 at 11:41 AM

RA

“ *What a lovely woman. I am so grateful that my mother had you for a Christian example, Sunday school teacher and a friend when she was a new Christian. That meant more to me than anyone will ever know. RIP Ms. Novella*♥♥

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**Robin A. Hinton Aubuchon** - May 16, 2019 at 03:52 PM



*Thank you for sharing what my mom meant to you. I know she thought a lot of you!*

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**Tammy Delbruegge** - May 19, 2019 at 11:41 AM

JL

“ Sixteen years ago we were introduced to the Delbruegge family at First Baptist Church of Murphy.

*Novella, a beautiful woman inside and out...Always had a smile and conversation... Such a sweet countenance...*

*May our Lord God Almighty give His peace to the family...May they grieve and rejoice at the same time in knowing their loved one is now with her Creator God and His Son, Christ Jesus throughout all eternity...Reuniting with loved ones...*

*Love, prayers*



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**Joan Lauterbach** - May 15, 2019 at 10:02 PM



*Thank you for sharing your memories and all your prayers.*

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**Tammy Delbruegge** - May 19, 2019 at 11:45 AM

BP

“ *I will miss so much you were a beautiful sweet lady. I enjoyed get you all dolled up every Friday, and sitting and talking and singing. You will always be a special part of my ❤️ Jesus got an angel. Love you Barb Pellerito*

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**Barb Pellerito** - May 15, 2019 at 06:32 PM



*Barb, I loved the way you indulged my mom. It made her feel so special...and it always made her smile. I can't tell you how much I appreciate what you did for both of my parents through this journey.*

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**Tammy Delbruegge** - May 19, 2019 at 11:47 AM