

# Mildred J. Butcher

Mildred J. "Millie" Butcher, age 83, passed away Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at Community Memorial Hospital in Missouri Valley. She was born in Magnolia Iowa on August 19, 1934 to Ray and Ruby Piper. Millie attended Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs. She married Jerry Butcher on April 14, 1952.

While making her home, and raising her family, Millie held many jobs. She owned and operated a restaurant, The Coffee Shop, with her mother, Ruby Piper. After The Coffee Shop was destroyed by fire, Millie worked at Mars Café and served meals at the Senior Meal Site. She later went work at OPPD, Fort Calhoun where she would work for many years until she opened her own daycare. It was through this daycare that many children came to know and love "Grandma Millie". There will always be great memories of the Christmas programs and the endless love that was found there. Millie volunteered at Head Start and was awarded the Volunteer of the Year by the Governor of Iowa.

Millie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jerry Butcher; her son Dan Butcher; her grandson Toby Butcher and her daughter-in-law, Nancy Porter Butcher.

She is survived by: Her children: Randy Butcher (Holly) of Melvern, Kansas; Allen Butcher of Little River Academy, Texas; Geri Phagan (Tim) of Greeley, Colorado; Teri Bowman (Ron) of Milliken, Colorado; Ronda Mauseth of Missouri Valley, Iowa, Her grandchildren: Mindy Kerkman (Nicholas), Shaun Mauseth, Jeremy Mauseth, Nikki St. Clair (Jimmy Shea), Sarah Thomas (Bryson), Joni Hicks (Dan), Michael Franks, Tony Franks (Chris), Jason Franks (Laura), Kasey Porter-Salazar, Savannah Porter and 24 great grandchildren, Her sister: June Behrens.

Visitation will be Friday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at

Sunrise Community Church of the Nazarene in Missouri Valley,  
Iowa.

Millie will be laid to rest at Magnolia cemetery. Following  
the graveside service, the family would like to invite  
everyone to join them at the church for lunch and a time of  
remembrance to celebrate Millie's life.

### **In Loving Memory Of**

**Mildred J. "Millie" Butcher**

#### **Born**

August 19, 1934  
Magnolia, Iowa

#### **Entered Into Rest**

November 1, 2017  
Iowa

Missouri Valley,

#### **Funeral Service**

10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 4, 2017

Sunrise Community Church of The Nazarene

Missouri Valley, Iowa

**Officiating**

Jareo

Pastor Dave

**Pianist**

Joyce Faircloth

**Vocal Selections**

“Beulah Land”

“Till The Storm Passes By”

**Congregational Selection**

“Amazing Grace”

**Casket Bearers**

Rick Behrens  
Kerkman

Nicholas

Gary Waddell  
Behrens

Kelly

Jeff

Behrens  
Tim Behrens

**Final Resting Place**

Magnolia Cemetery

Magnolia, Iowa

## **God Gave Me a Song**

Ruby Piper

When God created this big world,  
Then he made man kind  
He said I have some gifts to give  
To these folks of mine

To some I'll give some wisdom  
With that they can't go wrong  
He gave to some great wisdom  
But He gave to me a song

He didn't give me wisdom  
He didn't give me fame  
He didn't give me power  
To accumulate great gain

But He gave me happiness  
My worries are all gone

He gave me more than wisdom

He gave to me a song

Then God gave some great riches

Everything they wished to buy

But they found no consolation

When it came time to die

God made some great preachers

With sermons true and strong

Yes, he gave some great riches

But He gave to me a song

Oh, I'm not disappointed,

With this gift He gave to me

I'm just shoutin' happy,

Since my Jesus set me free