



## Mildred Heithoff

January 31, 1926 - January 9, 2024

Mildred Heithoff, 97 of Dedham, died Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at Journey Senior Services in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Monday, January 15, 2024 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dedham. The Celebrant will be Fr. Merlin Schrad, assisted by Deacon Louis Meiners. Music will be by Cindy Bauer and the St. Joseph's Choir. Mass servers will be Caden Mertes and Blake Mertes. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Anne Heithoff. Gift Bearers will be Mildred's granddaughters. Eucharistic Minister will be Dale Sporrer. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Mildred's grandsons. Casket Bearers will be Mildred's grandsons: Chad Heithoff, Danny Heithoff, Alan Bancroft, Kurt Irlmeier, Tim Heithoff, and Sterling Short. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Dedham.

Visitation will be from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. Additional visitation will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Monday at the church. Memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for a later designation.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Mildred's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

The daughter of Frank and Clara (Schlichte) Fangman, Mildred was born on January 31, 1926. She grew up on a farm northwest of Templeton; attended country school, then graduating from Sacred Heart High School in Templeton.

On January 16, 1945, Mildred was married to Virgil Heithoff at Sacred Heart Catholic Church; to this union were 7 children. They made their home east of Templeton and in 1981 built a new home along 141 near Templeton.

Virgil passed away in 1990, Millie continued to live on the home place until 2019. Throughout her lifetime she worked at New Hope in Carroll for 25 years and was a 4H leader for 40 years.

Millie enjoyed traveling, scrapbooking and her angel, coin, and stamp collections. She was a devoted homemaker, mother, and loved attending all her grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's activities. Millie could be described as a "spunky" lady, always enjoying a good card game and loved to bowl. Her favorite song was "Angels Among Us." Mildred was a longtime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dedham.

Left to celebrate her life are her children: Larry (Anne) Heithoff of Templeton, Kenneth (Sally) Heithoff of Coon Rapids, Diane (David) Bancroft of Raytown, MO, Betty (Tom) Klocke of Coon Rapids, Marilyn (Gary) Dickes of Kenosha, WI, Keith (Sandy) Heithoff of Jefferson, and Michelle (John) Hutchcroft of Indianola; 26 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; her sisters-in-law, Edna Schrad of Carroll, Margaret Heithoff of Carroll and Bernice Halbur of Coon Rapids; as well as many nieces, nephews, other extended relatives and many friends.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Virgil Heithoff; her daughters-in-law, Darlene Heithoff, and Kathy Ewing; her son-in-law, Gary Irlmeier; her granddaughter, Tawnia Spalding; her sisters, Bonnie (Ray) Riesberg, and Faye (Ed) Bluml; a brother, in infancy, Raymond; as well as Virgil's siblings.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Larry sorry to hear your mom passed.  
No matter the age it still hurts but peace to her now

jerry rupiper - January 15, 2024 at 06:37 PM

NF

“ Millie was a wonderful friend to my mother and our family. My mother taught in a one room school and Millie would help mom and the children celebrate by dressing up as Santa and delivering presents. I loved hearing the stories of those times including dating during the WWII. I attended several class reunions with them. She will be missed. I feel fortunate to have known her.

Nancy Fox - January 15, 2024 at 03:23 PM

CK

“ Millie was a nice lady liked to do things the right way, her way My sympathy to all the family I enjoyed taking care of Millie she was a special lady. Cindy Kraus

Cindy Kraus - January 15, 2024 at 02:15 PM

MM

“ Matt and Lisa McNelly purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mildred Heithoff.



Matt and Lisa McNelly - January 14, 2024 at 08:32 PM

MM

“ Matt and Lisa McNelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mildred Heithoff.

Matt and Lisa McNelly - January 14, 2024 at 08:32 PM

MB

“ I'll always remember Millie fondly. I was a brand new teacher fresh out of college and I thought I knew a lot. I remember the conferences I had with Millie. She would sit and nod patiently and listen. I've often thought she knew more about kids than I ever did and yet she never let on during conferences. Thanks, Millie!

I also loved her bowling pin fences around her yard! So unique and so her. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

Mary Ann Brincks - January 14, 2024 at 05:47 PM

KN

Karan Hathcock Nieland My prayers are with all of you. Millie was a long time friend to my family as we grew up. loved bowling against her. What a beautiful angel heaven has now. Peace be with you all.

Karan L Nieland - January 14, 2024 at 11:24 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mildred Heithoff.



January 14, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mildred Heithoff.*



January 13, 2024 at 06:33 PM



“ *Years ago Millie regularly visited my mother-in-law Edna, I think through the RSVP program. They were a great fit, both old Catholic farm wives with a bunch of kids! Thank you, Millie, for sharing your time with her. Rest in peace.*  
*Connie Blum*



**connie blum** - January 13, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ *Chris Short and Judy Spaen purchased the Simple Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mildred Heithoff.*



**Chris Short and Judy Spaen** - January 13, 2024 at 10:27 AM



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**Chris Short and Judy Spaen** - January 13, 2024 at 10:27 AM

CS

“ *My sympathy to all of Millie’s family. May she rest in peace. What a wonderful lady she was. She was also a fantastic neighbor to my parents when they lived across the road and then for me when I moved to the farm. Always enjoyed our chats, lots of times at the end of our driveways. Always so nice knowing she was there. What a wonderful and long life she lived.*

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**Cindy Sporrer** - January 13, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mildred Heithoff.*



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January 13, 2024 at 12:29 AM

BM

“ *Abby Bluml I am sorry for your loss. Your Grandmother was fun to visit with. I hope all is well with you and your family.*

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**Becki Miller** - January 12, 2024 at 04:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mildred Heithoff.*



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January 12, 2024 at 12:14 PM

JN

“ *Michelle, Tessa, Sterling (& family members),  
Know that we are sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and  
prayers.  
May God comfort your breaking hearts.  
We love you.  
Marty and Joanne Nealon*

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**Joanne Nealon** - January 12, 2024 at 10:18 AM

SH

“ *I will miss your caring heart your loving advice . Your faith never  
wavered through the storms dear friend in fact you would just shout  
it out loud for all to hear ....  
Now your finally home ..  
I will celebrate the time you had on earth and remember you  
always.  
Sherri...*

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**Sherri** - January 11, 2024 at 11:38 PM

MV

“ *Our sympathy to the Heithoff family. Denny and Marilyn Vonnahme*

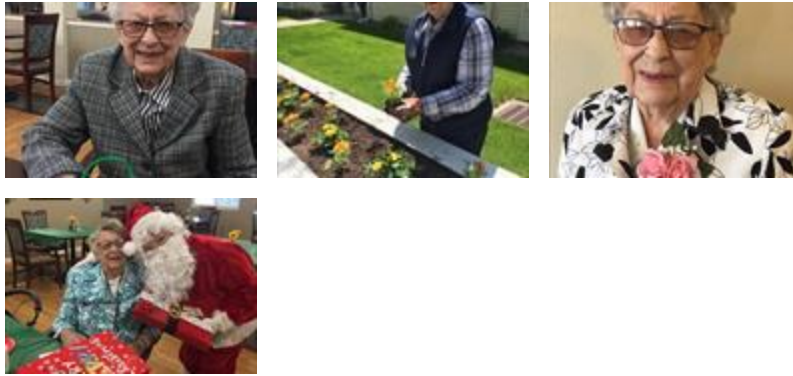
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**Marilyn Vonnahme** - January 11, 2024 at 07:09 PM

JS

“ I had the pleasure of taking care of Millie at Swan Place. I loved having her stop by office. As soon as she saw my light on in the morning, she would be at my door. She loved helping me plant the flowers each spring and she was adamant about having no weeds in the flower beds. She attended all of my activities and she was always so thankful for everything I did. She was always dressed so nicely with her blazers. She was a very special lady to me and I still think of her often.

Jodie Sturm



Jodie Sturm - January 11, 2024 at 01:01 PM

LB

“ Millie RIP! 🙏💜😊



Linda Bluml - January 11, 2024 at 11:48 AM

LW

“ So sorry for your lose Keith and Family. She was an amazing person.

Lisa M Wolterman - January 11, 2024 at 10:12 AM

AW

“ I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE THIS BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY! I was one of the many beautiful, caring ladies and gents that gladly looked after Millie! I loved her SO much! I will NEVER forget the suit jackets she wore that were just "HER!" I loved her stories and she ALWAYS THANKED ME and she always grabbed my face and would just put her head in my head and hug me for like minutes and minutes! Even in silence she thanked me! I miss her SO much already! My condolences to her family. She will be greatly missed!!!!

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**Amy Willis** - January 10, 2024 at 06:38 PM