



Maureen Campbell

August 20, 2022

Maureen J. Campbell passed away peacefully August 20 at Holland Hospital.

Maureen was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Atwood and Genevieve Merrill. Her family moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, and eventually settled in Columbus Ohio where her family owned and operated the Eskimo Queen. Maureen was a proud graduate of THE Ohio State University with a Bachelor degree in Nursing. While raising six children, she became concerned about safe car restraints for children. She received several governor's awards from the State of Ohio for her campaign to develop safer infant & child restraints, which eventually became a nationwide mandate. After moving to Holland, she worked as a public health nurse for Allegan County and was assistant director of nursing for the State of Michigan Dunes Correctional facility. Maureen volunteered in many health care settings, including with the American Red Cross, where she helped as a nurse in the first aid tents for the Tulip Time Festival, earning a Red Cross pin for 50 years of service.

She is survived by her children, Teresa (Dale) Wiersma, Jeff (Cheryl) Miller, Doug (Tonya) Miller, Scott (Rebecca Ufkes) Miller, Deborah (Joergen Blitzner) Miller, and Gary (Teri Schnaubelt) Miller; 14 Grandchildren: Benjamin Wiersma, Christine (Eric) Miller, Michelle Miller, Eric Miller, Nichole Miller, Madeleine Miller, Dirk Miller, Jaden Miller, Ashley (Jacob) Poll, Serine Blitzner, Aasmund Blitzner, Will Miller, Daniel Miller, and Benjamin Miller; 4 Great

Grandchildren: Laila Miller, Lily Miller, Marlee Poll, Klara Blitzner; twin sister Maurita Ferguson, sister Margaret Carney; many nieces and nephews.

A family memorial service will be held with burial in West Drenthe Cemetery. Memorial Contributions can be made to Resthaven Maple Woods Benevolent Fund. To donate, go to this link, <https://resthaven.org/help-us-serve/> and dedicate it in her memory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Maureen Campbell*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - August 24, 2022 at 09:39 AM

DM

Wonderful video. So peaceful and positive.

Deborah Miller - August 24, 2022 at 09:52 AM

JB

Lovely. Thank you, Maureen, for being who you were. I greatly appreciated our meetings. It has been enriching in so many ways.

Jørgen Blitzner - August 24, 2022 at 10:41 AM

DM

“ *Hello Momma - just thinking of you today!*

Doug Miller - July 18, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ *Maureen Campbell*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM

DM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Deborah Miller - August 26, 2022 at 02:12 PM

DM

Wow, can see the likeness of Genevieve here!!

Doug Miller - August 29, 2022 at 11:59 AM

TW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Teresa Wiersma - August 25, 2022 at 08:07 PM

DM

Beautiful. Thank you Resthaven Maple Woods for taking such good care of our mother. She was in friendly, professional hands.

Deborah Miller - August 26, 2022 at 02:07 PM

TW

There were so many staff who came while we were cleaning out her things, saying how much they enjoyed visiting with her, and even that she was their favorite resident.

Teresa Wiersma - August 27, 2022 at 01:56 PM

JB

“ *Maureen was such a loveable person, easy to talk to, including, an genuisly interested in other people - which she pased on to her daughter. I am so gratefull to have known her. Always a good storry, a smile - or both.*

Jørgen Blitzner - August 24, 2022 at 04:01 PM

MM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Madeleine Miller - August 24, 2022 at 02:09 PM

DM

Very nice.

Deborah Miller - August 24, 2022 at 05:00 PM

TW

Mom looks so happy! She enjoyed your visit so much!!

Teresa Wiersma - August 25, 2022 at 09:17 AM

DM

My three favorite girls!!!

doug miller - October 19, 2022 at 11:05 AM

DM

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Deborah Miller - August 24, 2022 at 08:51 AM

DM

😊 Mom loved how Joergen transformed her chair into a throne in this picture. She was sitting in her yard while Doug's family were visiting.
❤️

Deborah Miller - August 24, 2022 at 08:53 AM

JB

She deserved a throne, what a great person she was <3

Jørgen Blitzner - August 24, 2022 at 10:12 AM

DM

“ Will miss you always, Mom. Your caring and kindness and contributions to society will not be forgotten. Nor will be the twinkle in your eye, your creative and curious outlook on life, and your willingness to help out and stand up for what you believe in.

Some of my favorite memories are being part of the seatbelts for children campaign and helping Vietnamese refugees, listening to you read to us and the children's books you taped, singing with you as you strummed the zither or guitar. We took a karate class together, and you were my first computer instructor as you were one of the first people to buy a computer. You had endless projects for us kids, from dissecting a cow's eyeball to making jewelry. You also loved reading science fiction and gardening and helped us care for random creatures we found with broken wings or legs. Then there's all the delicious and sometimes adventurous food you made. And your visit to me here in Norway. Your impressing upon us the importance of family history and writing your own memories down.

As your daughter I always felt your strong love, and you were deeply interested in anything we kids were up to. You were always supportive and an excellent listener and conversation partner and made my friends and later husband feel very welcome. I thank you for your love and the path you set me on. I will love you always.

Deborah

Deborah Miller - August 24, 2022 at 08:42 AM

TW

“ 1 file added to the album Retirement & Grandchildren



teresa wiersma - August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM

DM

A lovely June day.

Deborah Miller - August 24, 2022 at 08:07 AM

DM

Mom together with me and husband Joergen during our visit to the US a couple months ago.

Deborah Miller - August 24, 2022 at 08:44 AM

JB

I will keep that moment as a treasure.

Jørgen Blitzner - August 24, 2022 at 10:17 AM

TW

“ 24 files added to the album Retirement & Grandchildren



Teresa Wiersma - August 22, 2022 at 05:21 PM

TW

“ 14 files added to the album *Nursing & volunteering*



Teresa Wiersma - August 22, 2022 at 05:08 PM

TW

“ 10 files added to the album *Starting her own family*



Teresa Wiersma - August 22, 2022 at 04:52 PM

TW

“ 20 files added to the album Growing up



Teresa Wiersma - August 22, 2022 at 04:46 PM

DM

Nice to see pictures of Atwood! Mom adored her Dad and would often tell stories of kind things he'd done for her when growing up. One event that happened was she dented the car on a snowy day, and she was mortified about it. But when she told Atwood about it, he was not upset and showed kindness and understanding. 70 years later, mom still remembered that.

I spoke with Maurita the other day and also hear for the first time about a "twins" contest they entered spontaneously. One day in Columbus, OH, they randomly walked past a hotel that had a contest going for twins. They went in to see what it was all about. It involved some physical movement, speaking, coordinating and even a blood test(?). They ended up winning as the "most identical 16 year olds" in Ohio!

Doug Miller - August 23, 2022 at 12:52 PM

DM

So many wonderful memories she told us about! And wrote down for us.

Deborah Miller - August 25, 2022 at 05:51 PM

DM

Adore the pictures of the three aunties/moms as little kids, and the one of Grandma and Grandpa is priceless!

Deborah Miller - August 25, 2022 at 05:54 PM



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Teresa Wiersma - August 22, 2022 at 02:39 PM