



Janet West Miller

October 14, 1928 - April 28, 2020

Janet West Miller was called to the presence of the Lord peacefully at home in San Antonio, TX, April 28, 2020, at the age of 91. She was born on October 14, 1928, in San Antonio to J.A. and Zula (Bell) West.

Janet attended Baylor University in Waco, TX where she received a bachelor's and master's degree in Music Education. She was a member of Baylor's Golden Wave Band and was the only female in the percussion section during her time there. She was considered a highly accomplished rudimentary snare drummer and was Baylor's first percussion graduate assistant. Janet was a lifelong fan of her Baylor Bears, attending Homecoming nearly every year and avidly following accomplishments of students and alumni on and off the field.

She was first hired as an assistant band director of her high school alma mater, Harlandale, in San Antonio, becoming the first full-time female director of a large band program in Texas. Janet was among the first female members of the Texas Bandmasters Association. She started two school band programs in the 1950s and taught band for 13 years; then after marrying and starting a family, she returned to music education as an elementary music teacher in Harlandale. She retired in 1992 after teaching for 32 years and began volunteering at the Texas Music Educators Association's annual clinic and convention. Janet enjoyed spending time with fellow retirees at the meetings of the Harlandale/South Bexar County Educational Retirees Association. In 2012 Janet was inducted into the Harlandale ISD Hall of Fame.

Janet was a charter member of Baylor's Iota Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma, a sorority for college and university band members. The sorority became her life's work as she went on to serve as National President and Trustee. Janet was also an honorary member of the national band fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi.

Janet was a faithful servant of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and throughout her life was a member of several churches including Harlandale Baptist Church, Trinity Baptist Church - where she played in the orchestra and especially loved playing in Living Christmas Tree productions, Northeast Baptist Church, and at First Baptist Church of San Antonio.

Janet is now making music in heaven's marching band and flinging her green and gold in the sky.

Janet is survived by her husband of 57 years, DeWayne A. Miller, Jr., her daughter Dorothy Karon Miller Hammond and her husband David, her son DeWayne "Trey" A. Miller III and his wife Michelle, and her grandchildren James T. Miller, Nicole E. Miller, and Michael W. Miller.

Janet was provided loving care by Celina Garcia for the last four years of her life, and medical care of Dr. Manuel Martinez, Dr. Gabriel Urrea-Botero, and the staff of Gonzaba Medical Group.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Baylor University Golden Wave Band Scholarship Fund, Office of University Advancement, One Bear Place #97026, Waco, Texas 76798-7026, the Tau Beta Sigma Trust Fund, TBΣ National Headquarters, PO Box 849, Stillwater, OK 74076, or a charity of your choice.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 4, 2020 from 10:30am-noon at Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries South, 1700 SE Military Drive, San Antonio TX 78214. Chapel Service will immediately follow at the funeral home at noon, where it will be live streamed. Interment will be at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery later that afternoon. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, a 10-person maximum will be allowed in the chapel at one time. A Celebration of

Life Memorial Service will be announced later.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Janet West Miller*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - May 04, 2020 at 09:18 AM

GC

“ *My condolences to Karon and family. It's hard to loose a Mom anytime but in these days of isolation it is especially hard. God be with you.*

Ginger Craddock - May 06, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ *The Armstrong family would like to express sincere condolences to our friends Trey & Michelle, as well as to the entire Miller family. May you feel the peace, love, and comfort from our Lord. -Mike, Cindy, Nick, and Tim.*

Cindy Armstrong - May 04, 2020 at 07:52 PM

SW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Miller will forever be in my heart. She was an awesome mentor and a true inspiration to a life well lived.*

Susan Manka Williams - May 03, 2020 at 11:46 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Janet West Miller.*



May 03, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet West Miller.*



May 03, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Janet West Miller.*



May 02, 2020 at 06:33 AM



“ *With love, Greg, Layla, and Mason Milligan purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Janet West Miller.*



With love, Greg, Layla, and Mason Milligan - May 01, 2020 at 11:21 PM

AT

“ Alana Urbano (Iota Tau) purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Janet West Miller.



Alana Urbano (Iota Tau) - May 01, 2020 at 03:02 PM

AU

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Alana Urbano - May 01, 2020 at 02:41 PM

BL

“ What I remember most and appreciate greatly about Janet was her positive outlook on life. I can only remember her as smiling; her face was always happy and she shared that happiness with everyone around her.. She was generous with compliments, and I enjoyed hearing her talk about music and the people with whom she had shared "band" experiences. I send my condolences upon this great loss to all of her family members.

Barbara Lambrecht

Barbara Lambrecht - April 30, 2020 at 01:49 PM

PC

“ *Paula Crider purchased the Cheryl's Classic Gift Bundle for the family of Janet West Miller.*



Paula Crider - April 30, 2020 at 11:30 AM

PC

“ *Janet's presence always brightened a room. I cannot ever remember seeing her that she was not smiling. Her dedication and contributions to Tau Beta Sigma are second to none. I send hugs and condolences to Karen and to the entire family. She will be missed. She was an inspiration to us all.*
Paula Crider

Paula Crider - April 30, 2020 at 11:24 AM

LL

“ *Laura, Mike and Ellen Lopez send our condolences to your family. Rely on the power of grace and prayer in this time of transition. God Bless All of Janet's family.*

Laura and Mike Lopez - April 29, 2020 at 03:52 PM

RH

“ *Rosemary Bolte & Georganne Hodges purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Janet West Miller.*



Rosemary Bolte & Georganne Hodges - April 29, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet West Miller.*



April 29, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - April 29, 2020 at 10:02 AM

AG

Our deepest condolences from the family of Janet's late cousin, Doris Goewey, her daughter-in-law Alice, grandchildren Julia, RoseAnna, and Alex. Janet was a joy to know! Her kindness, laugh, smile and delightful family stories will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to the family at this time.

Alice Goewey - May 04, 2020 at 01:12 PM