



Mary Isabella "Sissy" Nichols Miller

February 27, 1931 - September 24, 2019

Mary Isabella "Sissy" Nichols Miller passed away on September 24, 2019, at Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community in Asheville, North Carolina. She was born in Griffin, Georgia, on February 27, 1931, to Clyde Blackwood Nichols and Mary Crittenden Nichols. Her older brothers were John Harmon Nichols and William Crittenden Nichols. Sissy attended St. Margaret's School in Rappahannock, Virginia, and Hollins College.

Mrs. Miller's first husband, Joseph Merrell Bowman, Jr. of Quitman, Georgia, passed away on May 16, 1972. In addition to being a successful homemaker and fantastic mother of three children, Mrs. Miller worked for the Senate Finance Committee in Washington, DC, from 1973 until 1981. She loved Washington and had many good friends there, including Norman Clark Miller, of Dallas, Texas, who she married in 1982. Her twenty-six year marriage to Norman Miller was joyful and they divided their time between Washington, Dallas, Griffin, and occasional trips to Europe.

Ms. Miller was known for her sense of humor and quick wit. She was kind and gracious to all she met and a lovely hostess. She not only had the ability to make those around her feel at ease and comfortable, but also welcomed and loved.

Ms. Miller is survived by her children, Joseph Nichols Bowman (Patricia) of Alexandria, Virginia, Mary Bronwyn Lee (Alex) of Asheville, North Carolina, and Henry Fowler Bowman (Blythe) of Decatur, Alabama, by nine grandchildren, and her brother, William Crittenden Nichols of Fort Valley,

Georgia. In 2012, Mrs. Miller moved to Asheville, North Carolina, to be closer to her daughter, Bronwyn.

Sissy loved being back in Griffin, her hometown. She was a member of the Dogwood Garden Club, DAR Pulaski Chapter, Griffin Historical Society, the Griffin Country Club, and Griffin First United Methodist Church.

Graveside services will be conducted Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Oak Hill Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank all of those at Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community in Asheville who cared for her in her final years, as well as the family of the late Linda Brown and Robin Walker, who assisted Mr. and Mrs. Miller during their years in Griffin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Griffin First United Methodist Church, 1401 Maple Drive, Griffin, GA 30224.

For online condolences please visit www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com. Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everree Inn Road, Griffin is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

Memorial Dr.
Griffin, GA 30223

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Isabella "Sissy" Nichols Miller*

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Isabella "Sissy" Nichols Miller.*



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“ *Aunt Sissy was beautiful, smart, funny, and she will live on in my heart, she took me under her wing when I was going through a very tough and personal decision. I treasure her. She was adored by all who knew her and could even charm a closed blueberry farm into opening just for us. Amazing. Very sad she is no longer on this earth but will always be in my heart, and very lucky and honored to have her as my Aunt.*

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