



## Ione A Miller

July 5, 1929 - November 3, 2016

Ione Miller was born on July 5, 1929 in Pipestone, Minnesota to parents, John and Grace Jacobson. Ione passed away in Pueblo, Colorado on November 3, 2016. In the 87 years of her life, Ione worked an amazing number of jobs. As a child, she and her brother sold garden vegetables to neighbors. She went on to work in her parents' grocery store, at the local phone company, and later for Bendix Industries in Kansas City. She met Jack R. Miller in Peculiar, Missouri on a blind date. They married on September 10, 1950. Upon returning from their honeymoon, Jack received orders for a second tour in Korea. He returned home the same day their daughter Kathy was born in Pipestone. Two more children, Kris and Marty were born in Missouri. In 1962, the family moved to Pueblo, Colorado. Ione enrolled in SCSC to become a teacher. She taught in District 70, and later earned her M.A. at Western State, after which Ione served as principal at Pueblo West Elementary. In retirement, Ione was active in Friends of the Library and Pueblo Historical Society, serving as president of both. She wrote numerous articles for Lore Magazine, and co-authored Pueblo: an Illustrated History. Ione was an avid reader and historian, but the center of her life was her family. Ione was pre-deceased by husband Jack in 2004. Also parents John and Grace; brother, Dale Jacobson; sister, Leah Hurd; and grandson, Max Zacharias. She is survived by daughters, Kathy Merrill, Kris Allen; and son, Marty Miller; as well as grandchildren, Katy Allen, Kelly Smagur, Ross Allen, Garrett Zacharias, Cole Merrill and Alex Merrill. Ione is also survived by five great-grandchildren; her brother, Buck

Jacobson; and sister, Edna Nelson. Family and friends will gather at a later date to celebrate lone's life. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Pueblo Historical Society

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ *She and your Dad were the most wonderful neighbors! They all enjoyed sharing gardening tips, bird facts and the squirrel count. She and Mom were especially close and enjoyed many activities together including book club, Pueblo Historical Society, and swimming at the YW! They also loved keeping up with news about each others grandchildren. She was a lovely person and I'm thankful to have known her.*

*Love to you all,  
Michele Chambers Wilkinson*

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**Michele Wilkinson** - December 29, 2016 at 12:20 PM

JC

*I would like to second my sister's comments. We are so blessed to have grown up with them across the street. She wrote our mother's history... they bought Girl Scout cookies and cheered my driving lessons. She always made me feel loved and happy to see me when I would return home from college. I'm grateful I was able to speak with her in September. I'm grateful for her influence and kindness. Our sincerest prayers are with you all. Julianne Chambers*

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**Julianne Chambers** - December 29, 2016 at 11:04 PM

CS

“ Dear family of lone,

*My name is Chuck Sekera. I taught English to 8th graders at Pitts Junior High (later Pitts Middle) when Pitts started in 1960. I was to be lone's supervising teacher some time later. I don't remember the year. I saw lone as a determined person who would finally get to try out her teaching skills in from of real kids. I felt that my role was to turn over the classroom and let things happen. lone was always prepared, had good rapport with the students and managed the classroom well. I would try to always stay in the background but give useful feedback often. I really liked lone and was proud to be working with a dedicated colleague. I lost track, but I'm glad to know that lone became a principal and completed a career in teaching until her retirement. Kids always need good teachers. lone was one of the best!*

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**Charles Sekera** - November 14, 2016 at 01:46 PM

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**Kris Allen** - November 08, 2016 at 07:35 PM

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**Kris Allen** - November 08, 2016 at 07:34 PM

JD

“ Dear All of the Miller Family:

*lone played a major part in my teaching life and I will always hold a special place in my heart for her. Last time I was in Colorado, which was 3 years ago, I picked lone up and she joined a few of the Dist. 70 teachers and staff members for a wonderful evening of laughter, food, and good memories. I always appreciated her fairness as a principal, her quirky sense of humor, and her strength of leadership in the school setting. But, most of all, I valued her friendship and admired her keen mind. She had an insatiable interest in Pueblo and its history. Even after her retirement, lone kept abreast of the latest news of the world and of things closer to home and I loved engaging in conversations with her about her readings and opinions. We first met way back in 1980 when we were both in classes for the summer. We struck up a friendship that summer and it continued over the many years thereafter. lone was special in every way. She was a devoted wife to Jack, a loving mother to her children, a doting grandmother, and a woman of strength and character unlike anyone I have ever known. Heaven is surely celebrating her arrival, but, selfishly, I am mourning the loss of a dear, dear friend and mentor. I pray that God gives comfort to all her loved ones as she will surely leave a big hole in the hearts of all who knew her. May the good memories of the good times give comfort to all her family through the days and months ahead. How blessed you all have been to have had lone as the matriarch of your family! Blessings and Hugs to all.*

*Jacqueline Dierks*

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**Jacqueline J Dierks** - November 05, 2016 at 09:47 PM