



Leila Jane McDowell

July 11, 1941 - November 18, 2020

Leila Jane (Miller) McDowell, 79, of Grove City, formerly of Butler, passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2020 from COVID-19 complications at Grove City Medical Center.

She was born July 11, 1941 in Brookville, the daughter of the late Charles F. and Dorotha Lucille (Culler) Miller.

Leila was a 1960 graduate of Slippery Rock High School. She had been employed by Butler Memorial Hospital for 36 years in the Maternity/OB-GYN department and the medical library. She was a member of the West Sunbury Rebekah Lodge #19 and the Past Noble Grand's Association of PA. Leila was also a former Noble Grand of Queen Elizabeth Rebekah Lodge. She had belonged to the Blazing Star Coachmen Camping club and a lifetime member of the Good Sam RV club of PA. She was a member of the Christ Community United Methodist Church and had been active with the United Methodist Women.

Leila loved to do needlework, a passion she inherited from her mother, as well as quilting, and crafts. She also loved fishing and camping. The most recent love of her life was Chief, her mini-dachshund who she took nearly everywhere.

Leila is survived by her sister, Norma Jean Stoops of Harmony, numerous nieces and nephews, as well as great nieces and great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Wayne J McDowell, who died August 4, 2002 and two brothers, Noble and Dale Miller.

Due to COVID-19 safety concerns, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Leila will be laid to rest next to her husband, Wayne at Butler County Memorial Park.

Contributions may be made to Christ Community United Methodist Church, 204 North Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001.

Cemetery Details

Butler County Memorial Park

Butler, PA

Tribute Wall

RN

“ I worked with Leila On the maternity ward at the Butler hospital she was very caring and hard-working. I also sang with her in the church choir At christ community united Methodist church. May God be with you!

Ruth Nulph

Ruth I Nulph - November 27, 2020 at 08:39 AM

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“ My sympathies to all of you. I worked with Leila many years ago as a young nurse. She was a hard working, caring person. I pray that God would comfort you with His peace. ~ Denise Drescher-Wilson

Denise Wilson - November 20, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ Hello dear family,
I am a retired U.M. Pastor, serving as visitation pastor at Grace UMC, Grove City, and I had the tremendous gift of getting to know Leila the last few years. I visited her several times through hospitalizations, and in nursing homes. I also was asked a while back if I would lead a Worship Service at Fellowship Manor a couple times a month. Leila was a very active part of that Worship. (For a period of time she would Worship Saturday evenings at Grace Church - when she was physically able)

I admired her tremendously! She had a great sense of faith and trust in God, and while we know she's 'in a better place', we really did not want to 'loose' her! She was a very interesting person to visit with. I am really going to miss her!

May God give us strength - and may we be blessed!

Rev. Willard Morse

Willard Morse - November 20, 2020 at 09:18 AM