



## Connie "Miller-Birge" Wright

November 16, 1943 - March 9, 2013

Connie was born in Omaha to George and Eleanor Miller on November 16, 1943. She grew-up in Omaha, aside from living a few years in both Grand Island and Kearney. As a young girl, she loved her dolls, playing house and being outdoors. She and older sister, Deanna enjoyed playing their version of "Name That Tune" with their record player. Her family also had chickens which were known to chase the girls around the yard in and attempt to peck at their toenails. She attended both Benson West and Druid Hill Elementary schools and graduated from North High School. During high school, she was a cheerleader, and involved in several clubs and activities including, Future Nurses of America, Junior Red Cross, Student Council and Student Commission.

She married Bill Birge on August 17, 1963. They resided in Omaha with their basset hounds, Caesar and Mugsy. Connie enjoyed working for Dr. Clark before starting a family. On August 17, 1967, on the couple's 4th wedding anniversary, they were blessed with the birth of a daughter, Laura Lynn "Laurie". Another blessing came with the arrival of Amy Suzanne on August 28th, 1970. The family moved to a new home in 1972, which they had designed and built. She enjoyed trips to both Puerto Vallarta and New Orleans. A family vacation to Hawaii in 1973 was the destination she was most fond of and spoke of often. Bill and Connie later divorced.

Connie eventually relocated to Des Moines, IA where she worked for the Des Moines Water Works and Equitable Life Insurance Company. On November

28, 1980, she married Paul Wright and they resided in Adel, IA. She was happy to have two step-daughters, Kelly and Valerie Wright, who were close in age with her own daughters. All four girls became life-long friends. She was once again blessed when they welcomed a son, Jason Paul, on September 1, 1981. The marriage ended in 1984.

Over the years, she spent time in Colorado, Illinois and Kansas visiting her children and grandchildren, whom she cherished. She was also very fond of all the family pets and lovingly referred to them as her grand-dogs and grand-kitties. Connie also attended Metro Community College for a few years. She enjoyed bowling, ceramics, sewing, crocheting, and cooking. Her love of music included favorite artists such as Elvis, The Beatles, Stevie Wonder, Barry Manilow, and Chicago. Those who knew her admired her friendly disposition, a love for fashion and impeccable handwriting. She followed Nebraska football and had affection for Colorado Rockies baseball.

With a love for the mountains of Colorado, she had most recently been living in Canon City, CO with her beloved cat, Moakie. While visiting their mother in June of 2012, her daughters were concerned with her health and moved her back to Omaha in August. The following month, she was hospitalized and diagnosed with lung cancer, with metastases to the lymph nodes and brain. She bravely underwent surgery and radiation treatment, but ultimately lost her battle with the disease. She entered into rest on March 9, 2013 with her children by her side.

She is survived by daughter, Laurie (Mike) Turner of Wichita, KS - granddaughters, Emily (18), Hannah (15), and Elisabeth (11); daughter, Amy (Ed) Pugsley of Omaha; son, Jason Wright of Omaha - grandchildren, Dylan (10), Alejandra (9), Anadina (6), Guinevere (6), Trent (3); sister, Deanna Forbes of Omaha; nephew, Mark (Dee) Gould, Clearwater, MI; nieces, Cindy (Ron) Sutton of Phoenix, AZ; and Kristi (Jeremy) Cox of Omaha. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Eleanor Miller; and brother-in-law, Donald Forbes.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Connie "Miller-Birge" Wright*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Oh how we had fun in grade school. The gang of girls and boys. The fun of a Friday night dance party with Josie, Rosalie, Kathy, Ronnie, Dwain, Jerry, Me, and a few others. The slow dancing, to the old Doo Woop music. Having a soda and talking about other kids at school. Everybody sitting on Kathy Stephens front porch in the cool evening air. Watching the stars and your making objects out of the stars. We were all so lucky to grow up in a time of peacefulness. A time when friendship counted a lot. Those times have gone by along with most of our classmates. But we still have the wonderful memories of you and the time we all got to spend with you. God has called his beloved child home, to be with him. Connie will be missed but not forgotten. Old school friend BB*

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**Buster Bonacci Jr.** - April 22, 2013 at 08:21 PM

RB

“ LAURIE AND AMY

*My name is Rosalie Blank Boulden. First let me tell you how sorry I was to learn of your Mothers passing.*

*I know what a difficult time this is for the whole family. So I thought I would give you some information about my relationship with your Mom. You may have heard her tell the countless stories about our friendship but in time you might read this and get a smile.*

*Your Mom and I grew up across the street from one another. We went to Druid Hill together and then on to North High.*

*To begin with, we spent hours together in your Grandma Miller's basement dancing and having the best of times. In summer we went to Peony Park to swim and look for cute guys!*

*Your Mom got her driver's license first and we spent countless hours driving and meeting up with high school friends. One of the things that still makes me laugh is Grandma Miller set a limit as to how many miles we could put on the car. So we would find a guy friend to unplug the odometer and drive for hours. When it was time to go home we would find the guy friend again to plug the odometer back in and it looked like we had driven five miles instead of fifty.*

*Your Dad and Mom started dating and before long they fixed me up with their friend Roger Boulden.*

*We double dated and went to the drag races. From then on the four of us spent so much time together. Your Dad had I believe a 34 Plymouth that he raced. It was a gorgeous car and so a lot of time was spent at the races*

*Eventually, your Mom and Dad were married and we were in their wedding. About a year later Rog and I were married and they were in our wedding. Our first child, Jim, was born about two years before you Laurie. We saw the beautiful home they built. But after they divorced we saw very little of them.*

*I do remember meeting Connie at the Elvis concert in Omaha which was about 1974. And so in May of 2011 Connie called me out of the blue to wish me a happy birthday. We talked for a long time and then in May of 2012 she called again. She left a message and I called her back but never received a response. So that must have been about the time she started getting ill.*

*So on that note I will close. I wish I could have talked to her again. But it wasn't meant to be. I know how much she loved her family and I know how she will be missed. She will stay in my heart with the love and laughter we shared.*

*Rosalie Blank Boulden*

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**Rosalie Blank Boulden** - March 18, 2013 at 09:36 PM



*Thank you, Rosalie.*

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**Jason Wright** - November 18, 2018 at 05:06 PM

RF

“ *Jason and Deanna and your families, we send our deepest sympathy in your loss. Deanna, I have such fond memories of the Miller and Folk get-togethers in Omaha and Holdrege... so long ago. Cousin Roger and Judy Folk*

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**ROGER FOLK** - March 17, 2013 at 07:28 PM



*Thank You, Roger!*

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**Jason Wright** - November 18, 2018 at 05:08 PM

DT

“ *We are keeping you all in our thoughts & prayers at this time.*

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**Dale & Carrie Turner** - March 16, 2013 at 12:12 AM

TB

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers out to Family and Friends. God Speed!*

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**Tony Barnes** - March 14, 2013 at 11:02 PM

BD

“ *Laurie, Amy & family, We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. May your memories of her comfort you during this difficult time. Our thoughts are with you. Love, Aunt Becky, Randy, Jason, Jeff, Tarek*

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**Becky Dennis** - March 14, 2013 at 09:33 PM

GD

“ *We are so sorry for your lose are prays are with you. Jason Amy and the hole family. We are here for you when you need use . Connie is now resting in Jesus loving arms no pain no more.*

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**Gary and Verna DeWolf** - March 12, 2013 at 10:53 PM

PM

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family Jason. We loved your mother dearly, and she is happy now and having no more pain. As hard as it is on you and your family, she is in God's hands and content. Will be keeping all in our prayers.*

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**Peg Mesco** - March 12, 2013 at 09:19 PM

PJ

“ *Amy and family...I am so sorry for your loss. She is at peace now.*

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**Peg Johnson** - March 12, 2013 at 08:09 PM

PJ

“ Please accept my sincere condolence. May you find comfort thru the Word of God. "Jehovah is near to those that are broken at heart, and those who are crushed in spirit he save."-PS.34:1846

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**Primrose Johnson** - March 12, 2013 at 02:20 PM

KC

“ My love and prayers are with you all! I know Connie will be missed dearly with you, as she is with me. I'm so sorry I won't be able to be there for the memorial services or funeral.

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**Kelly Coffelt** - March 11, 2013 at 07:17 PM

TF

“ Wishing your family peace and comfort. Your Mom was a wonderful woman and we will always cherish the memories we have. Wendy, Charlie and Kaytie.

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**The Luhnnow Family** - March 11, 2013 at 12:05 AM

AW

“ Amy,  
We are thinking of you and your family. So very sorry for the loss of your mom.  
Amy & Brad White

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**Amy White** - March 10, 2013 at 06:52 PM

PJ

“ TO the family, Please accept my condolence. may you find comfort thru the Word of God."Jehovah is near to that broken at, please read , "PS. 34:18

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**Primrose Johnson** - March 09, 2013 at 03:00 PM