



## Elmo Pauline "Polly" Miller

April 7, 1935 - April 30, 2021

Elmo Pauline "Polly" Miller (Austin) passed away peacefully April 30, 2021, at the age of 86. Polly was born and raised in Omak, WA, on April 7, 1935, to Elmer and Edna Austin, and was the middle child of two siblings, Dick and Jane. Polly graduated from Omak High School, in 1953. She went on to attend Washington State College and then, Wenatchee Valley College and studied dental assisting. She got a job as a dental assistant in Yakima, WA, and then moved to Wenatchee, WA, where she met Leo, and they later married on December 21, 1958. They had two children, Jana, in 1962 and Wade, in 1965.

Polly and Leo had many adventures together, many of those being business endeavors. Together, they had many acres of orchard, where they harvested apples. They opened and owned Midtownner Motel, for 20 years, where Polly actively worked. In 1975, they acquired Zippy Disposal Service and Polly was the bookkeeper. While Jana was in school, Polly was the 4-H Leader for the Jolly Jill Club for seven years. Their recent venture was starting and opening the Miller's Auto Museum, in 2015, and Polly loved to hang out with the car club members and meet new people when they visited.

Around 1988, they bought a home in Kailua-Kona, HI, and continued to travel there every winter for ten years. Being snowbirds, they started traveling to Yuma, AZ, with many friends and family. They loved Arizona so much, they bought a home in Yuma and went there for 13 winters. In the early 1990's, they built a cabin at Gold Creek, in the Methow, and enjoyed snowmobiling and the peace and quiet, and was

Polly's favorite place. Polly also loved to travel, and went on many various cruises throughout the years.

Polly's smile and charisma were contagious and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Polly is survived by her husband of 62 years, Leo; daughter, Jana and her husband, Alto; son, Wade and his wife, Summer; sister, Jane; grandchildren: Jordan, Chad, and Ty; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Edna, and brother, Dick Austin.

A Graveside Memorial will be held on Friday, May 7, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the Chelan Fraternal Cemetery. Visitation hours for Polly Miller will be this Thursday, May 6, 2021, from 2-4:00 p.m., at Precht Rose Chapel, 332 E Woodin Ave., Chelan, WA.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Alzheimer's Foundation at <https://alzfdn.org/> or Lake Chelan EMT's, P.O. Box 908, Chelan, WA, 98816. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at [www.prechtrose.com](http://www.prechtrose.com). Services are entrusted to Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan, WA.

# Events

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**MAY** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Precht Rose Chapel

332 E. Woodin Avenue PO Box 306, Chelan, WA, US, 98816

**MAY** **Graveside Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Chelan Fraternal Cemetery

815 N. Bradley St., Chelan, WA, US, 98816

# Comments

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“ My grandma was the kindest and most genuine person I knew. I had 29 years of memories with her and I am so grateful for that! She will be missed and I will make sure I carry on her legacy! I love you grandma!

**Jordan Crawford** - May 05 at 12:37 PM

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“ A fine neighbor and friend on the lakeshore for over twenty years to me and my late mother. God's blessings on her and her family at this time and in Jesus kingdom.

**Ed Ferris** - May 04 at 09:00 PM



“ I first met Polly when she worked for Dr. Tom Millette and we went to him for our dental work. Then I worked for her at the Lakeview Drive In when she and Leo and Pat and Al Boyd owned that business. She was one of my favorite "bosses"!

Rosa Moser

**Rosa M Moser** - May 04 at 11:34 PM



“ I moved to WA in 1993 where my first job was at Zippy Disposal & Practical Rent a Car. That's where I first met the Owner's Leo & Polly after they had returned from their winter in Hawaii. Polly would come home to Chelan ready to go over to the Mid Towner to help out making beds & doing laundry along side Donna Craig. When her granddaughter Jordan would come to town, Polly on occasion would drop off Jordi to me at the office for me to watch/entertain while Polly went over to the Mid Towner. Jordi & I would do her hair & polish her nails between calls & customers. I enjoyed our lunches back then at Taco Joes & Chinese at Lake Gardens. Great memories. I will miss you Polly and so will my boys!

**Tracy Ingram** - May 05 at 01:05 PM



“ Dear Leo and Family,  
I first met Polly when she was a freshman at Wenatchee Valley College. A few years later I met Leo. I attended their wedding. Leo and I were in the Army together and went to "boot Camp" in 1957. Leo and Polly were a great team and built a very successful succession of business enterprises. I have never met better entrepreneurs. Even though Polly's health wore her down I will always remember her warm smiles..

Sincerely, Earl Tilly

**Earl Tilly** - May 06 at 12:25 AM



“ I met Polly and Leo back in 1975 they even came to our wedding. I've had great fun and joy having Polly as a lifelong friend...she will be missed...we always had fun trading recipes!!!

**peggy Wilson** - May 06 at 02:40 AM



“ Meeting Polly & Leo was a great experience through all the years of knowing them. It was difficult to keep up with where they were & which business they were promoting. I was always wishing I had the ability to be as busy as they were--especially Polly. She was so friendly & gracious & she treated me gently when we were invited to stay with them in Hawaii just after I buried my Dad. That was a difficult week made doable because of Polly's understanding. Will miss her .....

**Chrystal Bertram** - June 09 at 04:43 PM