



## Judith L. Miener

August 12, 1939 - September 23, 2007

Judith Lee (Marinko) Miener, age 68, of Highland, IL., died Sunday, September 23, 2007, at Hitz Memorial Home in Alhambra, IL.

She was born August 12, 1939, in Highland, IL., the daughter of John G. and Emma (Moore) Marinko.

On September 14, 1957, she married Donald P. Miener, who passed away April 1, 2005.

Judy Miener spent most of her life in the Highland and Alhambra area. She grew up on a farm north of Alhambra, and was in Europe for a couple of years with her husband Don Miener, while he was on active duty. Upon returning to the states, together they lived and worked on a farm north of Grantfork.

Judy began college in 1967 and completed her Bachelors of Science in Education during the spring of 1972. She began her 27 year teaching career at Highland in the fall of 1972 and taught 5th and 6th grades. She continued her teaching education to the level of Masters in 1979. Judy coached Jr. High Volleyball for 7 years, 6th grade cheerleading for 8 years and 6th grade volleyball for 4 years. Judy loved her students and took a very caring interest in their well being and their success, both in academics and in life. Teaching wasn't a job to her, it was her life.

Judy enjoyed music, and skillfully played the piano and the flute. Her hobbies were the study of the American Indians and she was also very active in amateur archaeology and Indian artifact collecting. She enjoyed spending time outdoors hiking, and boating whenever possible.

Judy's energetic life was cut short by Alzheimer's disease, which she was diagnosed with in 1998.

She was a member of Grantfork United Church of Christ. She was also a member of Who's Who of Teachers, and the Teacher's Union.

Survivors include Son-William D. "Bill" (Julie M.) Miener of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Jolee Miener of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Hannah Miener of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Samantha Miener of Highland, Ill., Brother-John Victor Marinko of Kennesaw, Ga.

She was preceded in death by Father-John G. Marinko, Mother-Emma L. Marinko, nee Moore, Husband-Donald P. Miener (DOD 4/1/2005), Brother-Robert J. Marinko

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, Ill.