



Charleen Poppy

October 3, 1942 - February 19, 2025

Charleen Mae Poppy (Miller), our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2025, in San Antonio, Texas, at the age of 82. Born on October 3, 1942, in Strawberry Point, Iowa, Charleen lived a life rich in love, creativity, and unwavering support for her family and community.

Charleen was the daughter of Howard Miller and Florence McDowell, who instilled in her the values of compassion and kindness. These values would later define her character as she dedicated her life to caring for others. In 1959, she married the love of her life, J. Dale Poppy, on October 10, in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Together, they shared a remarkable 65 years of marriage, filled with laughter, adventure, and unwavering partnership.

She is preceded in death by her beloved son, Dennis Poppy; and her dear brother, Gary Thein. Charleen's legacy of love and resilience will continue to shine through her surviving family members. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter, Linda Logan, and her grandchildren:

James Akers (great-granddaughters Isla and Evelyn Akers); Nichole Eccles (Great-Grandsons Landen, Ryder, and great-granddaughter Peyton Eccles); Sean Poppy; Alexa Swinton; and Kristopher Logan. Each of them carries forward the warmth and love that Charleen so generously shared in her lifetime.

Charleen pursued her education at El Camino College, where she earned a degree in Business.

This academic achievement laid the groundwork for her community involvement, as she became a dedicated member of her church and an active participant in numerous organizations, including Marriage Encounter and Quilters Club. Her passion for creativity found expression in her many hobbies, including sewing, quilting, and scrapbooking. Charleen delighted in traveling the world and cherished every moment spent with her great-grandchildren, making memories that will be treasured forever.

Known for her loving and caring nature, Charleen was always there for everyone. Her friends and family knew they could rely on her for support, whether through a warm meal, a listening ear, or her thoughtful advice. She embodied the essence of compassion, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of all who knew her.

As we gather to celebrate Charleen's life, we remember her not just for her incredible talents and accomplishments but for the profound love she shared with those around her. She taught us the importance of family, community, and kindness, and her spirit will continue to inspire us all.

Charleen Mae Poppy will be dearly missed but lovingly remembered. A celebration of her life will be held, where family and friends can come together to honor the beautiful legacy she leaves behind. In our hearts, she will forever remain a guiding light of love and hope.

A memorial gathering to celebrate the life of Charleen Poppy will be 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls followed by the urn burial at Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens alongside her husband, Dale.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens

Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 233-6136

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JUN 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda (Poppy) Logan lit a candle in memory of Charleen Poppy*



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