



Miriam Kane

June 18, 1950 - February 8, 2025

Miriam Kane, 74, of Bradley, Illinois, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, February 8, 2025, after a short illness.

Miriam known as “Mimi”, was the daughter of Kenneth J. Kane Sr. and Lorriane (Wilkinson) Kane Swanson.

She is survived by her siblings, Kenneth (Liz) Kane Jr., Neil (Rita) Swanson, and Sharman (the late David Strode); nieces, Michelle Murphy, Heather Fagan, Jamie Micomonaco, Joy McCracken, and Trisha Nelson; nephews, Bryan Miller, Jonathon Kane, Jason, Justin, and Joel Strode, Scott and Erik Swanson; 32 great nieces and nephews; God children, Robert Bronersky, Mary Ann Bronersky, Anthony Syrigas; best friends, Marie Goosby and Carol George.

Miriam is preceded in death by her father, Kenneth J. Kane Sr.; parents, Neil and Lorraine Swanson; sisters, Judith Moss and Diane Miller.

She was a graduate of Joliet East High School, Joliet Junior College, and earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education and Master of Arts in Education at Olivet Nazarene University. Miriam was a kindergarten teacher in Pembroke 259 for 35 years, and then after retiring she worked in the Kankakee School District 111 for 7 years as a reading interventionist. She was a member of

Who's Who in American Education, and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

A lifelong Christian, Miriam was a faithful member of The Church of the Nazarene, attending Wildwood and Eastridge. She served in various capacities including Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher, VBS director, board member, member of the praise team, and church pianist for 55 years. She was proud to be called a hymn player. Music was a big part of her life, she enjoyed singing with her kindergarteners, for weddings, in church or practicing at home. She was honored to be given The Distinguished Service Award for service to the Church of the Nazarene in various ministries, including music.

Miriam was known for her quick wit, especially her puns and her warm, happy smiling disposition. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She remembered everyone's birthday and especially enjoyed family vacations, camping, swimming and taking numerous trips with Carol George and Martha Bronersky. She also appreciated Northwestern Hospital Center of Hope for her Kidney Transplant.

Visitation will be held Friday, February 14, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Eastridge Church of the Nazarene, Kankakee. Saturday, February 15, 2025, there will be a second visitation from 9 a.m. until the funeral service at 10 a.m. at Eastridge Church of the Nazarene, Kankakee. There will be live streaming available through the church, live.eastridgenaz.org at the time of the service. Burial will immediately follow at Mound Grove Cemetery, Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Eastridge Church of the Nazarene
2679 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Visitation

FEB 15. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PC

“ Pat And Diane Campbell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Miriam Kane.

Pat And Diane Campbell - February 25, 2025 at 07:06 PM

PC

“ Pat And Diane Campbell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Miriam Kane.



Pat And Diane Campbell - February 25, 2025 at 07:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Miriam Kane.

February 21, 2025 at 04:32 PM

MA

“ Miriam and I were friends over 50 years. My condolences to Carol George and Miriam's family. I miss her smile, her laugh, her wit. She will be missed. Miriam will be in my heart forever.

Marie - February 13, 2025 at 09:10 PM

KS

My sincere condolences to the family. She was my daughter and granddaughter Kindergarten teacher

Kim Smyly - February 14, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Miriam Kane.



February 13, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Miriam Kane.



February 13, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Miriam Kane.

February 13, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ Bryan and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Miriam Kane.



Bryan and Family - February 13, 2025 at 01:55 PM

MP

“Michelle, Heather, Jameson & Patrick purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Miriam Kane.



Michelle, Heather, Jameson & Patrick - February 12, 2025 at 09:06 PM

EF

“Miriam was a Beautiful Lady. We went to Wildwood church for many years and she was my sons Sunday school teacher.R.I.P

Eleanor Franks - February 12, 2025 at 09:23 AM

KV

Miriam was a carefree yet compassionate person who was always really to help others in any way she could. She loved teaching and playing the piano. She was a dedicated friend and we will surely miss her
REST IN PEACE, MIRIAM

Kathleen Vaulx - February 12, 2025 at 08:28 PM

NH

I agree that Miriam was quick with the puns. I always loved being around her. She was a joyful person. She had a positive outlook and was supportive and encouraging. I knew her through Delta Kappa Gamma and will miss her a lot.

Nancy Hogan - February 12, 2025 at 10:37 PM

CF

I am very sorry to hear about Miriam - I have not seen her in many years, but have very warm memories from Bethel Baptist Church in Joliet. Sending love to all the family ❤️

Carol McCoy Franks - February 13, 2025 at 04:32 PM

GA

A true woman of God who was a fine friend! She was one who filled her life doing good and making others happy, Best pun maker ever,

Genevieve Arnold - February 14, 2025 at 05:54 AM

NC

Her work has gone before her. I remember how she was a faithful pianist at Wildwood. She was able to communicate on a genuine level with the young and old. Her work will not be forgotten.

Nicole Broughton Cruz - February 14, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Miriam Kane.*



February 11, 2025 at 03:56 PM