



## DeEtta E. (Zautke) Miller

November 1, 1932 - November 3, 2025

NORFOLK – Funeral service for DeEtta E. (Zautke) Miller, 93, formerly of Fremont, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 13, 2025, at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Rev. Greg Rathke will be officiating the service. Interment will be held at the Pleasant View Cemetery, Plainview. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service on Thursday, also at the funeral home. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel website at <https://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com/obituaries/deetta-zautke-miller/#!/PhotosVideos>. DeEtta passed away on Monday, November 3, 2025 at the Stanton Health Center in Stanton. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

DeEtta was born on November 1, 1932 in Creighton, Nebraska to William and Genevieve (Rice) Pochop. She was the oldest of 4 children including Elvena Herbolsheimer (deceased), Milton Pochop (deceased), and Natalie Hill of Rockdale, Texas. Her childhood days took her to Winner, SD where she lived on a farm. Unfortunately, when she was a young girl, lightning struck their home and the fire destroyed it. The family then moved to a farm southeast of Pierce where she attended District 29 East through the eighth grade. She then went on to attend Pierce High School through the 11th grade. While growing up, she was always her daddy's right-hand girl helping with the chores, milking the cows, and working the fields. Her dad Bill was the kindest man around.

In June of 1950, she married her high school sweetheart, Roy Zautke also from Pierce, at the St. John's Lutheran parsonage. The two of them moved to Norfolk where Roy pursued his carpet and flooring business. DeEtta became a young mother, and out of this union became four children; Natala Wegner of Norfolk, Dwight (Kristine) Zautke of Sioux City, IA, Richard (Paulynn) Zautke of Norfolk, and Nadine (Dick) Samsel of Spring Grove, IL. DeEtta was a busy housewife and mom but later started pursuing other opportunities and eventually became a nursing home aide in Norfolk. She loved working with the elderly and sometimes even worked one on one with people in their homes. Her four children grew up and blessed her with 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

On May 11, 1974 in Las Vegas, NV (after living in San Diego, CA for a short time.) DeEtta married retired Navy man Ronald Dean Miller from Norfolk. Out of this union came 3 step-children; Roxanne (Stan) Titman of Norfolk, Rosalind (Dan) Painter of Wichita, KS, and Victor Miller of Omaha, along with 5 step-grandchildren, and 4 step-great-grandchildren, and 5 step-great-great-grandchildren. Throughout their married life, Dean and DeEtta enjoyed socializing with friends and neighbors in Fremont. They especially loved camping, boating, and fishing. After retirement, they traveled south for the winters. DeEtta was always the one who took charge! She was a devoted mom who had a lot to give and share with everyone she met. She was always outgoing, loved people, and involved herself in lots of activities such as bowling, playing cards, selling Avon, and while living in Texas joining the Red Hat Club. Many evenings were spent playing games, cards, and bingo down at the clubhouse at Woody Acres in Rockport, TX.

Sad news came knocking on their door in January, 2008 when Dean was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and passed away on February 5, 2008. DeEtta's life changed full circle, but she came back to her home in Fremont and continued to pursue her love of helping, caring, and lending a hand to

others by volunteering at the nursing homes. There she met another co-volunteer, Norman Heese, a farmer from Scribner, Nebraska, who has since become a very dear friend. He never missed coming to see her every Wednesday at the Stanton Health Center. He continued to keep her focused and motivated one day at a time, plus he too was very loved by DeEtta's family. A true gem of a friend! DeEtta was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fremont where her faith stood strong.

Survivors include DeEtta's family and dear friend. She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald Dean Miller, first husband Roy Zautke, parents William and Genevieve Pochop, sister Elvena Herbolsheimer, and brother Milton Pochop.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of DeEtta E. (Zautke) Miller

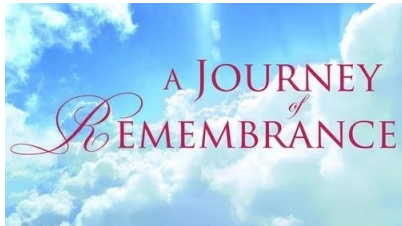


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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - November 13, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of DeEtta E. (Zautke) Miller



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - November 10, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ Dustin & Jess Painter purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of DeEtta E. (Zautke) Miller.



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**Dustin & Jess Painter** - November 12, 2025 at 03:08 PM

JS

“ Jodi Scholl lit a candle in memory of DeEtta (Zautke) Miller



Jodi Scholl - November 10, 2025 at 05:04 PM

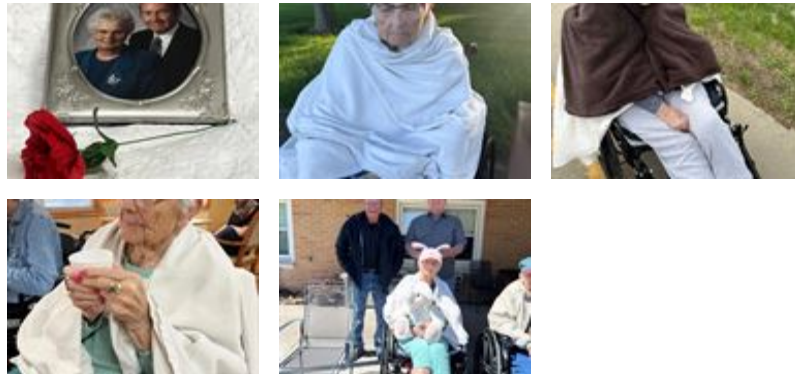
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Thank you so much Jodi for thinking of my mom. So very sweet and kind of you to light a candle in remembrance. You are a DEAR FRIEND  
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Natala Wegner - November 10, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ 171 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - November 10, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of DeEtta E. (Zautke) Miller.



November 10, 2025 at 10:27 AM

SW

“ Sorry to hear the loss of your mom, I always enjoyed her when I worked in Stanton, I also enjoyed visiting with all of you also when you came to see her. She is in such a peaceful place now! Prayers 🙏. Sherri Wolff

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**Sherri Wolff** - November 08, 2025 at 04:01 PM

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Thank you so much Sherri, so sweet and kind of you to think of mom. We all miss you at SHC. Hope our paths will cross again soon. 💕💕

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**Natala Wegner** - November 10, 2025 at 09:12 PM