Marie-Claire Jeanne (Baudin) Miller

Marie-Claire was born in Jargeau, France, on August 25, 1940, daughter of Georges and Marie Louise Baudin and middle sister to Micheline, Monique, Marie-Noelle and Marie-Christine. Her devotion to the people she cared about is the character trait that best distinguished her in life and for which she will long be remembered. She always deflected attention from herself, preferring instead to visit, speak with, listen to, tend to and keep in touch with others whom she held dear.

She met her husband, Stephen B. Miller, in France during his US Army tour of duty. Demonstrating remarkable courage, at age 27, Marie-Claire left her beloved France and close-knit family to embark on a new life with Steve in America. She moved to the United States knowing only her husband. Yet she bravely embraced her new language, new country and new religious traditions and created an amazing life with Steve, to whom she was totally devoted for 48 years.

Marie-Claire and Steve loved to travel and loved adventure. They enjoyed spending time together at concerts, the theater, art shows and the movies. Marie-Claire even sat through hundreds upon hundreds of hockey games, not because she loved hockey but because Steve loved hockey and she loved Steve. Her devotion to a friend with whom she worked in Orleans, Leone Tanner, was rekindled at a Charles Aznavour concert in 1967, and their friendship was sustained through a running, almost daily, conversation for more than 48 years. Her continued contacts with her French friends in Club Amite and with the members of her bridge groups over the years were all part of her life.

Her three daughters—Corinne, Valerie and Sandra—also were beneficiaries of Marie-Claire’s sincere devotion and boundless energy. She never missed a ballet recital, swim meet, talent show, track meet, tennis match or . . .

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