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Miriam Andes



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Miriam helped at home while their folks remodeled their home and married Glen Ross Mitchell. They farmed in rural Brooklyn and had three daughters, Carol Mitchell Roudabush, Linda Mitchell Blazicek, and LeeAnn Mitchell. Their marriage ended in 1963.

Her love of art led her to sign up for the Famous Artists Correspondence Course where she honed her skills. She also did a great deal of sign work around the county for Manatt's and the Farm Bureau along with others.

On November 5, 1964, Miriam married Ernest R. Andes of Brooklyn and added his two children to her family - Karen Andes Roberts and Larry Andes. Miriam did much of the bookkeeping for Ernie's Standard Oil tank wagon business.

After Ernie's retirement, they spent multiple winters in Chandler, Arizona. Ernie passed away in 1989.

She taught several Art Adult Education Classes at BGM High School. She was a signature member of the Iowa Watercolor Society, and a member of several art groups in Arizona and Iowa. Miriam took great pride in her artwork and entered many contests where she won many ribbons for her great work. She won first place in the state of Iowa with her watercolor of a blacksmith's shop. Her artwork hangs in many homes and businesses around the country. Miriam created a new print for 11 straight years to help the Grinnell Ag Appreciation Day raise money. Additionally, she designed many shirts and prints for groups and her artwork was frequently featured in displays at the Grinnell Art Gallery.

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Miriam loved church. Her parents helped found the Madison Church of Christ where she was baptized. After marrying Ernie Andes, she became a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ernie Andes, and her brother, Norman Hall. Miriam is survived by brothers, Don Hall of Montezuma and John (Jack) Hall of Grinnell along with her sister, Carol Hall Klein, and all five of her children, seven grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Miriam was also a member of the Friends of the Library in Brooklyn. She asked that memorial gifts be directed to the Brooklyn Library to support her love of reading or to the Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn, Iowa.

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