

What Mom Took

Most often when we think of Mom,
we think of what she's given:

The softness of a loving touch,
a gentle guide for living;
a nightly tip-toe in a room,
an understanding look;

But sometimes when I think of Mom
I think of what she took.

She took a child and taught it how
to live this life with pride.

She took those kindergarten tears,
and kept them all inside.

She took the hands that longed to hold
her child and not let go,

used them to push her child
along the way, to thrive and grow.

Took time to do some other things
like sew, and clean and cook,

and never thought to ask for thanks
for all the things she took.

Thanks, Mom.

– Judith Bond



Celebrating the Life of



Mildred L. Young

May 12, 1930 – August 26, 2025

Mildred “Millie” Young, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City, with her devoted daughter by her side.

Millie was born on May 12, 1930, and was lovingly adopted by Russell and Mary Keith. She lived her life being loved and cherished, and even though she never got to know her sister, Ida Mae, who perished at birth, she carried her in her heart with reverence and love. Millie was known for her generous spirit and her gift for making others feel welcome and cherished. She found deep fulfillment in crafting, pouring her heart into handmade creations that brought beauty and comfort to those around her. Her love of socializing meant her home was often filled with laughter, stories, and the warmth of friendship. In her later years, she loved having her friends over for tea or coffee. Even though she might be confined to her chair, there was always room for friends old and new. Above all, Millie’s enduring faith was the cornerstone of her life, guiding her through every season with strength and serenity.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, Robert “Skinny” Young; her parents, Russell and Mary Keith; and her baby sister, Ida May Keith.

Millie leaves behind her son, John (Sheryl) Young of Mesa, AZ; her daughter, Annette (David) McLain of Keosauqua, IA; four granddaughters, Amanda (Jason) VanKleeck, Ashley (Andrew) Brown, Angela (Phil) Leake, and Heather (Justin) Fox; nine great-grandchildren: Calen and Cooper Brown; Faith, Caitlyn and Nicholas Leake; Allyson, Natalie, Holden and Dylan Fox; and her brother, Robert (Kathy) Keith of Cincinnati OH. Each of them carries a piece of Millie’s heart – a legacy of love, laughter, and unwavering devotion.

Millie’s presence will be deeply missed, but her spirit lives on in the lives she touched and the memories she leaves behind.

Memorials will be given to Cardinal Grove and St Boniface Catholic Church, honoring Millie’s lifelong commitment to faith, care, and community.

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FUNERAL MASS

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Garner, Iowa
10:30 a.m., Wednesday
September 3, 2025

CELEBRANT

Rev. Fr. Josh Link

LECTOR

Pat Doble

MUSIC

Mary Kopacek, Organist
Mary Chambers, Cantor/Soloist
“Ave Maria”
Doug Hayes, Soloist
“Amazing Grace”

USHER

Francis Oborny

CASKET BEARERS

Jason Van Kleeck	Andrew Brown
Larry Young	Jeff Young
Craig Young	Doug Hayes

BURIAL

St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery
Garner, Iowa

The family invites everyone to a luncheon in the church basement immediately following the committal service at the cemetery.

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FUNERAL HOMES