



Edna Lora Miller

September 15, 1924 - August 3, 2025

After living at least 80 of her almost 101 years on a small farm between Thorndale and Rockdale, Texas, Edna Lora Dockall Miller passed away peacefully there on August 3, 2025, with her family around her. Services will be 11 am, Friday, August 8th 2025 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home Rockdale with Deacon Gordon Dickerson officiating. The family will receive visitors an hour prior to services at 10 am. Burial will follow at Oak Lawn Cemetery, Rockdale.

Born on September 15, 1924, to parents George and Lizzie Stolte Dockall, she grew up in that Gay Hill community with her parents and three siblings (Albert, Frank, and Mamie). She attended the small Gay Hill School until she and two siblings transferred for a brief few weeks to the Nile School, then rode the bus to Thorndale. (Frank attended the Austin School for the Deaf.) Edna never lived far from where she grew up except for a few years after she met Pat Price Miller, the youngest son of Emil and Myrtle Miller of the Rockdale/Pleasant Hill community. The young couple married on June 1, 1940, and moved to Bisbee, Arizona. Before 1944 they returned to Rockdale to start their family.

Then Edna lived again on the Dockall home place with her parents, her infant daughter, Edna's sister Mamie, and Mamie's first daughter – while the two young women's husbands were in military service during World War II. After Pat's discharge from Naval service, the couple settled in Rockdale and had two more children (Laddie Wayne and Charles Edward). In 1954 they

purchased the property Edna's parents had leased during her youth and early marriage. The couple's three children graduated from Thorndale High School, and Edna never moved away from her farm.

She survived the deaths of her husband, her own parents, her siblings and their spouses, Pat's parents, plus his four siblings and their spouses, her daughter-in-law Sandy Lee Miller, her only son-in-law Trent Klopp, as well as several nieces, nephews, and friends. After Pat's death in 1984 (following almost two years of treatment at Houston's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center), Edna went back to her job as a clerk at J.B. White's in Rockdale, built the new home that she and Pat had intended to build on their homestead, and relied for a few years on help from her children to keep up her small cattle herd and fields. Then she collaborated with her oldest grandson, Darron Miller, to become (first) her foreman and then her partner on the farm. He built his own home beside hers, and he purchased (after her retirement) most of her land and her part of their cattle herd. For the rest of Edna's life, Darron remained her devoted care giver, and the "Miller Compound" – consisting of Edna's home, Darron's, and the newer home of her oldest great grandson (Tyler), his wife (Kali), plus Hudson (6) and Ensley (3) – became a major source of Edna's pride.

As matriarch of a growing family, Edna (a.k.a. "Mother," "Mom" – but "MeMa" to most) loved to visit in family homes and to host get-togethers at hers, especially on holidays. She was a wonderful cook. Everyone loved the fresh homemade bread and delicious treats that she tried to keep on hand for drop-in company. She enjoyed making the favorites of family members for their birthdays and Christmases. She loved to can, and jars of her dill pickles disappeared fast, one of them bringing \$80 at a Thorndale auction. Best of all, Edna loved HER OWN Turkey and Dressing, and in later years most family cooks attempted to use her recipes, trying not to disappoint her as time took away the energy she needed to prepare them all herself. Extended family,

friends, and neighbors were always invited to share in the bounty of her table, which (with her family's help) remained unsurpassed. Those who knew Edna best could hardly believe that she enjoyed Dairy Queen's Chicken 'n Dumplings as much as her own.

Edna's years after Pat's death were busy and joyful. No one enjoyed a party, babies, or children more than Edna did. She sometimes babysat little ones in the family, delighted in remembering birthdays and celebrating Christmas, when she always placed some money in eggs or in envelopes for family youngsters. She purchased piggy banks for every new baby. It was a treat to witness her watching little ones hunt for Easter eggs, tear into gifts, or squirm in her lap. She loved gardening and working with her "pot" plants. She went through books of word puzzles fast. She even traveled to Hawaii and Alaska with her daughter and son-in-law. She had always loved dancing and, in years after she became a widow, formed a lifelong friendship with John Kincaid of Thorndale. Her dance partner in their first few years as friends, John became not only a dear family friend but also a willing care giver. After a stroke left Edna's family worried about her spending nights alone, John moved in with her to help her remain in her home – perhaps also to enjoy her cooking for as long as possible.

Edna's family extends heartfelt thanks to Darron (who was always there for both Edna and John), and to Edna's oldest granddaughter, Melinda Kurtz (who used her nursing skills to coordinate Edna's care, keep everyone informed, and lovingly supply whatever her grandmother needed). Laddie and dear family friend Pat Sansom, and Charles and wife Cindy had major roles in Edna's care. Pat(sy) checked on her mother by phone every day. Edna's youngest granddaughter, Cathy, as well as great granddaughter Jordan, and Kali – all nurses or care capable – stepped up when necessary to complete round-the-clock care. Tyler and Kali took responsibility for keeping up Edna's

yard. As Edna's mobility and John's health declined, John's son Brian and daughter-in-law Ralinda also became part of the "Village" of care givers. Sincere thanks go to members of Baylor Scott and White Hospice, Visiting Angels, and other professional care givers, and to all other relatives, friends, and neighbors who made Edna's last years more enjoyable – stopping in to help with chores or visiting, bringing produce from their gardens, making a phone call, or sending a card.

Edna is survived by her three children – Pat(sy) Klopp, Laddie Miller and Pat Sansom, Charles Miller and wife Cindy; plus five grandchildren – Darron Miller, Bo Miller and wife Laura, John Miller, Melinda Kurtz and husband Michael, and Cathy Sanders; several great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren – Tyler Miller and wife Kali, children Hudson and Ensley; Price Miller, wife Alexis and daughter Charlotte; Jake Miller and wife Mary; Jordan Kurtz; Garrett Kurtz and wife Kirstin; J.C. Miller; Harlee, Reagan , and Brody Sanders; Marissa Martinez Lucius; Dylan Roberts, wife Jaclyn, and children Teagan, Knox, Blakelee, and Autumn; and Taylor Roberts Patek, husband Chris, and son Mikah; plus John Kincaid and his son Brian and wife Ralinda, and ex daughter-in-law Sandra Leaf. Edna also leaves behind the Thorndale First Baptist Church family that she loved. Members Jack and Della Cummings were frequent visitors at the Miller home. The family appreciates Deacon Larry Beard for keeping in touch with Edna and her family and Deacon Gordon Dickerson for conducting her final service.

Pallbearers are Darron Miller, Bo Miller, John Miller, Tyler Miller, Price Miller, Jake Miller, Garrett Kurtz, J.C. Miller, and Brody Sanders. Honorary Pallbearers are Laddie Miller, Charles Miller, John Kincaid, and Brian Kincaid.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

250 S. Pear Street
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home
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Chapel Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ There is no other love that’s as special as the love of OUR Mema. You were the glue that kept this family together. There will never be another Mema. I am a Nana, but hope to reflect the love, and kindness you have bestowed on me and one day be upgraded to Mema. While it will be difficult to pass your home knowing we are without you, I hope we can all find comfort in the fact that your love and spirit will forever live on within us. I hope I can reflect the same kindness, generosity and understanding you have shown me throughout your remarkable life.

Thank you Mema for everything.

Sandy Miller Montoya Leaf - August 07, 2025 at 05:08 PM

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Sandra M Montoya - August 07, 2025 at 04:56 PM

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“ Scott Felder Homes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edna Lora Miller.

Scott Felder Homes - August 07, 2025 at 11:52 AM

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“ Scott Felder Homes purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Edna Lora Miller.



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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - August 06, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ *The Helbert Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Edna Lora Miller.*



The Helbert Family - August 05, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ *Love and prayers, Barbara & Elvin Hester purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Edna Lora Miller.*



Love and prayers, Barbara & Elvin Hester - August 04, 2025 at 07:42 PM



“ *Heavenly Light* was purchased for the family of *Edna Lora Miller*.



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