



## Phyllis Miller

A private family memorial observance for Phyllis Mae Miller, 85, of Plano, will be held at a later date. Mrs. Miller died July 23, 2013, in a Plano assisted living center. She was born April 16, 1928, in Worcester, Mass., the daughter of Ernest and Dora DuGuay. After graduating from Worcester State Teachers College, Phyllis moved to Devils Lake, N.D., where she taught high school English for two years. While teaching at the school, Phyllis met a young music teacher named Donald Miller and they began dating. They were married on Aug. 12, 1953, in Worcester. The couple moved to Illinois shortly thereafter, where Phyllis and Don raised three sons, and Don taught music at the high school and college level. In 1978, the couple moved to Texas after Don was hired to head the string education program at what is now the University of North Texas in Denton. Prior to Don's retirement in 1991, Phyllis and Don traveled extensively, visiting Germany, England, Austria, Italy and Hong Kong. After her husband's death in 2006, Phyllis returned to Texas from their retirement home in Arizona to be close to her sons. A self-described "Anglophile," Phyllis loved the English language and had a fascination with words and their origins. She always enjoyed a good crossword puzzle. Phyllis also relished a good pun. She prided herself in coming up with a funny play on words, and she was the first to laugh when others did the same. Her proudest accomplishment, she often said, was raising her three sons. Mrs. Miller was preceded in death by her husband, Donald L. Miller; her parents; and two sisters, Anita Pine and Jeannette Dowling. Survivors include three sons, David Miller and wife Holly of Harker Heights, Grant Miller and wife Constance of Plano, and Douglas Miller and wife Margie of Little Elm. Special thanks to Dayspring Assisted Living in Plano and Hospice Plus for their wonderful care and love during Phyllis' last months.