



## Obituary

**Born:** Wednesday, March 14, 1934

**Died:** Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Longtime Pendleton resident Martha Ann Miller, 85, died while surrounded in love by family Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, in Hermiston. The second to the youngest child of Leslie and Mamie May (Lindsey) Turner, Martha Ann Turner was born March 14, 1934, in Sandford, Texas.

## Service Summary

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### Funeral Service

11:00 AM Fri Jan 17, 2020

### Burns Mortuary

336 SW Dorion Avenue  
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

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### Concluding Service

12:30 PM Fri Jan 17, 2020

### Olney Cemetery

865 Tutuilla Road  
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

The last of the Turner kids to say their goodbyes on Earth, her siblings included Leslie (Mildred) Turner of Pendleton; Nina (Harold) Mock of Pendleton; Mary (Casey) Denny of Pilot Rock; Joe Turner of Pendleton; Wanda Fay (Manuel) Costa of Sunnyside, Washington; Ray (Dolores) Turner of Vancouver, Washington; and Bill (Margaret) Turner of Pendleton.

During her youth, Martha moved from Texas with her family to Rieth. She attended Pendleton High School. In her younger years, she worked at Pendleton Woolen Mills.

Martha met and married Marvin E. Miller June 26, 1954, in Pendleton. The couple had two daughters, Teresa (Richard) Shade of Pendleton; and Loretta (Bill) Lowrance of Hermiston. She lived in Pendleton until moving to Hermiston four years ago.

Working her entire life in customer service, Martha loved people. She retired around age 78 after working at numerous places, including Bi-Mart, Albertsons and Walmart.

Martha enjoyed baking, cooking and shopping — particularly buying new shoes. She loved being with friends, family and her grandkids. Martha especially enjoyed Christmas. She looked forward to holiday gatherings, which often featured her fabulous culinary creations. Cakes were one of Martha's specialties, which she made for anyone, anytime or anywhere.

Martha is survived by her children, her grandchildren, Shane Wallace of Pendleton; Lindsey (Stacy) Adair of Pendleton; Matthew (Tabitha) Mendenhall of Hermiston; Joe (Hailey) Mendenhall of Hermiston; Brandi (Stephanie) Lowrance of Seattle; Josh (Ashley) Lowrance of Tennessee; and Caleb Lowrance of Portland; her great-grandchildren, Olivia, Grace, Hanna, Quinn, Cole, Mason and Wyatt; sisters-in-law, Mildred, Dolores and Margaret; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband (2004) and siblings.

The family expressed grateful appreciation for the amazing support provided by Vange John Memorial Hospice and special visitations by Rev. Marc Mullins of the Pendleton First Christian Church, where Martha was a longtime member. Memorial contributions can be made to the Pendleton First Christian Church.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Interment will follow at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton, followed by a dinner at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge. Share memories with Martha's family at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com).

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