



## Miriam G. Detwiler

August 5, 2025

Miriam Detwiler 1931-2025

Miriam lived with a steady and faith-filled presence all of her long life. As a mother of 6 children and wife of an adventurous dairy farmer she carried herself with quiet strength and a resourceful attitude. Miriam Godshall Detwiler, 93, of New Milford, PA died on August 5, 2025.

She was born in Franconia Township, PA on October 12, 1931 to Mamie (Metz) and Jonathan Godshall. Raised by a rather studious mom and a dad with a Pennsylvania Dutch style humor, Miriam inherited a lovely blend of both. Miriam began schooling in a one-room-school-house and later graduated 8th grade from Franconia Mennonite School.

On a neighboring farm, with a creek running between their farms, lived a young man who would later become her husband. Miriam often told the tale of how this guy Ralph and his brothers would dunk her sisters and her under the water as they all met at the summer swimming hole. Eventually swimming shenanigans turned into love and Miriam and Ralph were married December 25, 1952 at Spring Mount Mennonite Church.

Miriam and Ralph set up house in Ralph's parent's apartment on Keller's Road, Franconia. The first 3 of their 6 children were born there. Sons, Blaine (Connie), Kenneth, and Michael (Lorrie). In 1957 they purchased a farm in Jackson Twp. PA and their 3 daughters were born there; Gay (Doug), Joy (Mickey) and Crystal (Greg). Miriam and Ralph always understood that their dairy farm was merely the starting point for their children to pursue and launch

their own careers.

After raising their own 6 children a goodly number of grandchildren soon followed. Aaron, Rebecca, Michelle, Jonathan, Eric, Jimmy, Nate, Mitch, Luke, Noah, Gabe, Eli, and Hannah. Miriam's refrigerator door was fully decorated with all their pictures and she would cackle while she told you endless tales of their latest triumphs and numerous escapades. She might become a little bit sad if any of her brood could not make it to her spacious Thanksgiving tables or Christmas Eve gift exchanges. She loved every one of her grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Miriam was always an active member of the churches she attended. She was a teacher and girls club sponsor. Given her shy personality she was often most at home in more supportive roles. She was a lifelong quilter, designing and stitching numerous quilts for family members and in support of the relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee. In her later years, after moving to a senior apartment she helped out with New Milford Methodist Churches' 'Feed My Sheep' program. During 3-week visits to Chambersburg she volunteered mornings at Cumberland Valley Relief Center.

Her Christian faith was solid. She read bible stories and Aesop's Fables at bedtime. She managed her dairy farm household with steadiness and good humor. She loved gardening and pasture walks to pick huckleberries and wild blackberries. A slice of fresh warm blackberry pie with a dollop of vanilla ice cream is a memory not soon forgotten.

Miriam was preceded in death by her husband Ralph, her son Kenneth and 8 siblings Willard; Ernest, Jonathan Newton, Eva, Anna, Stanley, Linnaeus and Verna.

A funeral service will be held at Noon on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Lakeview Mennonite Church, Susquehanna, PA. Interment will be made in Lakeview Cemetery, Friends may call from 10 until noon, prior to the service at the church. Arrangements entrusted to the Tuttle-Yesley Funeral Home, Inc., Hallstead, PA. Should friends so desire, expressions of sympathy may take the form of a donation to Barnes-Kasson SNF, 2872 Turnpike Street,

Susquehanna, PA 18847.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeview Cemetery

RR1 Box 92F  
Susquehanna, PA 18847

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Lakeview Mennonite Church  
1323 Lakeview Road  
New Milford, PA 18847

## Service

AUG 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Blaine, Connie, Michael, Joy Crystal & Gay, & family:*

*Miriam was such a dear friend to me, we became friends after losing Kenny and from then on she was an endearing. Kind sweet and very informed lady. My son, Casey and I would visit and Ralph and Casey would play pool on Ridge Street. Miriam was very proud of you all and looked forward to your visits*

*We'd have lunch and chat and I so very much enjoyed time with her. Her new home in New Milford was full of plants and memories and quilts in the bedroom..*

*She surprised me with a beautifully made (of course) pink quilt that I'll forever treasure.. I love it and I love that she made it.*

*I'm so very saddened for your loss, but this sweet little lady has left you all with a treasure chest full of family and memories. She's got a huge place in my heart, right next to Kenny.. I truly miss her*

*She taught me a ton about grace and caring.. I will remember her always with a smile. My boys remember her kindness.. Please know what a very special and sweet lady she always was..* 🌸🌷

*Carole Canfield, Casey & Cory Allen*

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**Carole Canfield** - October 01, 2025 at 01:23 AM

JG

“ *Jimmy, Amelia, and the girls purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Miriam G. Detwiler.*



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**Jimmy, Amelia, and the girls** - August 08, 2025 at 11:40 AM

JG

“ Jimmy, Amelia, and the girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Miriam G. Detwiler.

Jimmy, Amelia, and the girls - August 08, 2025 at 11:40 AM

JF

“ Judy Carpenter and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Miriam G. Detwiler.

Judy Carpenter and family - August 08, 2025 at 08:52 AM

JF

“ Judy Carpenter and family purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Miriam G. Detwiler.



Judy Carpenter and family - August 08, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Miriam G. Detwiler.



August 07, 2025 at 05:04 PM

DA

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs Detwiler. May you all enjoy the many memories your family has. May you feel Gods comfort during this time.

Debora Alt - August 07, 2025 at 04:11 PM

CH

“ *Blaine and Connie,  
I am so sorry to hear of your mom's death. She certainly was a wonderful, faithful woman, and I think of her with smiles and gratitude. My prayers are with all of you - thanksgivings for her life and love.  
Peace and blessing,  
Carol Horton*

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**carol Horton** - August 07, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Miriam G. Detwiler.*



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August 07, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ *Miriam was a true pillar of strength. She had an inner light that showed in her quiet smile. Always was helping others, but was never too busy to do more. So full of grace and strength. Heaven has received a very special gift in Miriam.  
Thinking of her family,  
Heather (Perrington) Colwell*

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**Heather Colwell** - August 07, 2025 at 07:41 AM

GR

“ *Grandson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Miriam G. Detwiler.*

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**Grandson** - August 06, 2025 at 10:27 PM

GR

“ Grandson purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Miriam G. Detwiler.



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**Grandson** - August 06, 2025 at 10:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Miriam G. Detwiler.

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August 06, 2025 at 09:42 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Miriam G. Detwiler.



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August 06, 2025 at 09:42 PM

DM

“ My sincerest condolences to the Detwiler family. Miriam was in the truest sense of the word, a lady. I often marveled at her grace and steady walk through life. She was a role model to me. She loved her family and her church. Sharing her many talents with so many. Her famous donuts can never be duplicated. Miriam also made me laugh and appreciate the simple things in life. Her quilts were works of art. She will be missed but her memory will always warm our hearts. Her place in Heaven was well earned.

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**Donna Marcho** - August 06, 2025 at 06:06 PM

LS

“ *What a wonderful lady and what a life she led! May God be with you at your time of earthly loss. May good memories and the fact that you will see her again one day give you peace, comfort, and strength. Love to each one of you! Lally Snell*

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**Lally Snell** - August 06, 2025 at 04:57 PM