



Ursula Margarete McDaniel

February 15, 1945 - September 2, 2025

Aiken, SC – Visitation for Ursula Margarete Miller, age 80, who entered into rest September 2nd, 2025, will be held on Wednesday evening, September 10th from 4 until 6 at Posey Funeral Directors.

Ursula was born February 15, 1945, in Bad Nauheim, Germany and was one of six siblings; being predeceased by both parents, two brothers, and a sister. While still in Germany, Ursula lived with Raymond (“Bunk”) and Martha Smith, who were stationed in Germany after World War II. During the day, Ursula worked as a technical drafter and engineer and in the evenings/weekends, cared for the Smiths’ two sons.

The Smiths sponsored Ursula in emigrating to the United States on December 14, 1963. As she did not speak English yet, Martha assisted her in translation and obtaining her first job at Jone’s & Fellas Architects/Engineers in Augusta, GA. In July of 1966, Ursula married Frank J. Miller; later divorcing in December of 1980. Ursula pursued certification as an Architect and on August 3, 1973, she passed the Georgia State Board Exam and became only the seventh female registered as an Architect in Georgia. Ursula always considered Bunk and Martha as her second parents; staying in touch with them throughout the years. She felt she would never be able to thank them enough for all the countless opportunities they presented to her.

From 1981 to 1983, Ursula studied to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and Economics from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte; graduating Summa Cum Laude and inducted as a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

From 1970 to 1999, Ursula worked in the construction industry for McDevitt & Street (GA & CA), Kitchell Contractors (AZ) and Rudolf & Sletten (CA), progressing from Project Manager to Preconstruction Services Director. She oversaw major commercial and industrial projects including hospitals, USPS facilities, and office complexes.

In 1999, Ursula married Ron McDaniel, and they moved back to Augusta, GA and later to Aiken, SC. Ursula was a daily and active member of the gym's aquatic team and became an avid player of pickleball at O'Dell Weeks Park.

Ursula was much loved by family and friends all over the world. By her kindness and generosity, she is surely leaving our planet a much better place to be.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a Memorial contribution to a charity of your choosing.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Ursula Margarete McDaniel*



Posey Funeral Directors - September 10, 2025 at 10:49 AM

TS

“ *Ursula was a close friend for 57 years. She has been a part of so many chapters in our "Journey of Life", that it is hard to believe those chapters have come to an end. She was the Godmother to our daughter, Tonya. She was a wonderful example of what it takes to be a woman in the business world: hard working, smart, and the tenacity of three people, and at the same time, generous and caring. Her zest for life brought joy to all of our adventures.*

'Til we meet again....

Toni



Toni Sampson - September 07, 2025 at 05:32 PM

JC

“ My first job after being promoted to Superintendent with Kitchell Contractors was Wilmot Corporate Plaza in Tucson, Az. This was also Ursula's first project as a Project Manager with Kitchell Contractors. A woman Project Manager in 1980 was somewhat unusual, but she really knew her business as subcontractors soon found out!! I really enjoyed working with Ursula, such a wonderful person and so knowledgeable. I've always had a soft spot in my heart for her over time. I was very fortunate to have met her and worked with her. So sorry to hear of her passing, she was just a wonderful Lady as was her good friend Barbara Bean. My sincere condolences to her Family.

Jim Currie

Jim Currie - September 07, 2025 at 11:44 AM

MA

“ For nearly 40 years, Barbara/Ursula/Margaret (BUMs) were best pals. Aventura y Adelante!



Margaret - September 06, 2025 at 04:17 PM

AB

“ Ursula was a true friend. I met her at Gold’ Gym many years ago. We enjoyed a handful of events including The Sierra Club hike, canoeing down the Savannah River, attending Savannah River Strings concert, shopping at Hamrick’s for swimsuits and being honored to attend a couple of dinners at her home. She was the most generous and kind person. I will truly miss her.

~Ann Beach



Ann Beach - September 05, 2025 at 12:44 PM



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