



Vicki Miller Spitzer

January 9, 1949 - October 8, 2024

Vicki Miller Spitzer, beloved wife, mother, aunt, sister, friend, compassionate nurse and advocate for those in need, passed away on October 8, 2024, after a long struggle with complications from a surgical procedure performed in 2020.

Vicki Spitzer was born on January 9, 1949, in Paragould, Arkansas to Henry Miller, Jr. and Betty Smith. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Kurt A. Spitzer, her son Kurt B. Spitzer, II (Brittany), siblings Mike Miller (Faye) and Jody Miller (Sharon) of Tallahassee, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and younger sister, Cheryl Garcia.

Vicki's family moved to Tallahassee from Altamonte Springs in 1964. She graduated from Leon High School in 1967 and remained in close contact with many friends and classmates from that time of her life.

Vicki supported herself when pursuing her nursing degrees at Tallahassee Community College and Florida State University. After service in the US Army and receiving her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, she was a Public Health Nurse in Leon and the surrounding counties until accepting a position at Southwestern State Hospital in Thomasville, Georgia, as Director of Nursing for the child and adolescent unit.

In 1982 she began pursuing her Master of Science in Nursing at Georgia State University, with an emphasis in Psychiatric Nursing. She graduated in 1984 and returned to Tallahassee where she received her Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) license. She was the co-founder of the Psychiatric Emergency Response Program at Tallahassee Memorial (Hospital) Healthcare and an Adjunct and Assistant Professor of Nursing at Florida State University and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

Vicki later founded and was owner of The Janus Clinic, a multidisciplinary mental health clinic located in Tallahassee, employing a variety of professionals (including MDs, PhDs, and LCSWs) that provided a full range of mental health services to both adolescents and adults. The Clinic was the first of its kind to be headed by an ARNP. She later owned Vicki Spitzer and Associates and worked at the FSU Health Center and for Centurion of Florida, which provided mental health services for those in Florida's prison system. She founded the Council of Advanced Practice Nurses in Tallahassee and was an active member of the Florida Nurses Association.

Vicki grew up in the Episcopal Church and later moved to St. Peters Anglican Cathedral. To her, the primary appeal of nursing was service to the "least of the least," whether they were financially poor or not. She was a person who would move heaven and earth to help family, friends or patients in need. Vicki frequently bent or broke "the rules" to benefit her patients, and "saved" numerous people over the course of her life. She viewed her professional career as a calling of service to the Lord. Those who knew her revered her and will never forget her kindness and generosity to others.

Vicki dearly loved spending time at Saint Teresa Beach (especially sunsets!) and celebrating countless Thanksgivings, Easters and Christmases with family and friends.

While it was difficult to watch her suffer for more than four years, all of us can

take solace in the fact that she was ready to pass, was not afraid of death, and has been welcomed into the heavenly arms of our Lord.

A funeral service will be held at St. Peters Anglican Cathedral (4784 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee) on Monday, October 14th at 11:30 AM. The burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grace Mission Episcopal Church, 303 West Brevard Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301; phone 850-224-3817.

Rocky Bevis and Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) are assisting the Spitzer family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St Peter's Anglican Cathedral
4784 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Tribute Wall

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“ Vicki Spitzer is a monster. She abused many children including her own son. There was a bedroom in her house at 693 Forest Lair that was used for sexually abusing young boys that were classified as “at risk”.

There were no young girls that she took into her home, only young boys under the age of 18. She even gave one young boy a truck that he destroyed because he didn't know how to drive it at 16 when she moved him into her home.

Unfortunately I speak from experience and filed a police report against her with the Tallahassee Police Department for her sexual abuse occurring at another residence she owned on Longview Drive. Apparently they were investigating potential other victims at the time of her death.

The Janus Clinic mentioned in her obituary had to be dissolved because of her abuse against children. She was also breaking the law when she opened the clinic as an unqualified ARNP.

May God have mercy on your soul Vicki Spitzer.

Adam Fritz (son) - February 21 at 08:46 PM

KS

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Kurt Spitzer - November 05, 2024 at 09:30 AM

LM

“ *Linda Miles lit a candle in memory of Vicki Miller Spitzer*



Linda Miles - October 15, 2024 at 01:27 AM

DM

“ *This kind woman literally save my life with her compassion for counseling. I will forever be grateful and will remember her forever.*

Debbie McCoy - October 13, 2024 at 06:17 PM

KM

“ *Even though she was not my aunt, she was still family to me. If it wasn't for her I don't know where I will be. I had always thought of Vicky as family. She is going to sadly sadly missed. I really appreciated ever thing she did for me and my husband. I love you Aunt Vicky*

Kim McBroom - October 12, 2024 at 09:59 PM

HR

“ I have two memories to share of Vickie that especially show her sensitivity and generosity. One from 1966 or so when we were both on duty as Home Room Reps at Leon. I was showing her the ropes and she suddenly said in her bright and definite way, “Helen, you should be a teacher!” Seems a small thing but I’ve never forgotten. Then fast forward to 2018 when I was in a troubled and confusing time Vickie (and Kurt) stepped in to offer me respite at their St. Teresa home gratis. They assured that a pivotal time in my life went well. Multiply these acts x a thousand or so and you see Vickie’s life. I will always miss you, Vickie, and cherish our good times together my dear friend.

Helen Rayner - October 12, 2024 at 05:10 PM

MS

“ Vicki was bright, delightful, talented & gracious. She was a Nursing Leader who was a bright spot in the health of the community. I cannot remember how I met her, but meeting her was a gift in my life. I knew her first as a colleague & then briefly as a mental health client. She will be be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Mary Shannahan - October 11, 2024 at 09:09 PM

KS

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Kurt Spitzer - October 11, 2024 at 01:06 PM

FF

“ Fred and Carolyn May and family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Vicki Miller Spitzer.



Fred and Carolyn May and family - October 11, 2024 at 11:43 AM

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“ Fred and Carolyn May and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vicki Miller Spitzer.

Fred and Carolyn May and family - October 11, 2024 at 11:43 AM

LR

“ I remember Vicki from my childhood, back in the hippie days. I remember her beautiful smile and her making fresh vegetable juices.

My last interaction with her was a couple of years back when she and her husband were going to use my RV for a trip but her surgery had left her in a condition that they were unable to go. It was so great to talk to her again after all those years!

Prayers to her family, she was a remarkable woman!!

Laura Armstrong Risech - October 11, 2024 at 11:15 AM

PA

“ Amen Vicki, Amen,
Mama to lil Kurt, then one day he came all big and grown and found to his delight a snake in our backyard. He got it, too! I gave him a Lucrezia Bieler snake tee shirt to say thanks.
Vicki, took in all the times of our knowing one another with a big smile and cordial hospitality to my Molly, too.
Hard working Vicki was with long long hours, I know I was trusted with caring for lil Kurt at BHPS, for which I am grateful.
Sister to Jody, Aunt to Jana. We all go back to MDS and those lil children, and have seen them grow into their own with such a fun foundation.



Peggy Adair - October 11, 2024 at 10:45 AM

LC

“ *Laura Preston and Stephanie Van Cuyck purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Vicki Miller Spitzer.*



Laura Preston and Stephanie Van Cuyck - October 11, 2024 at 09:52 AM



“ *Ms. Spitzer was a very kind and understanding person. May her soul rest in peace.*

Ingrid Monteiro - October 10, 2024 at 11:26 PM

LM

“ *I first knew Vicky when we were students at Leon high school in the 1960s. I greatly admired her contribution to community mental health over the years. Vicky was a great friend and an outstanding clinician that I was honored to know.*

Linda Miles - October 10, 2024 at 07:57 PM

TB

“ *Vicki and Kurt very graciously and generously allowed me some special memories at their home on St. Theresa beach and always made me feel welcome. I am grateful to them both and will pray for you, Kurt, in your grief at her passing. I am so sorry I will not be able to attend the service as I have a prior commitment.*

Travis Boline - October 10, 2024 at 05:26 PM

SB

“ *Mama Vicki and I shared a special bond as she would say of old soul and kindred spirit and hearts. Four years ago she tried to leave this crazy world but we had a "small talk" while she was sleeping as we called it when she was in the hospital and stayed for a little longer. Thankful for those extra few years. She was a mentor and friend to me in my walk in faith at St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral. She was also there for me during some difficult times in my life and opened her heart and home and second home at St. Theresa during those times. My kids and I will always be grateful for those beach memories and her love for us! You can rest easy now Mama Vicki, we know now there will be another angel among us* ❤️

Susan Burton - October 10, 2024 at 04:04 PM

SH

“ *Vicki and Kurt graciously allowed us to create precious memories with our grandkids at their home on the coast. Their generosity in time and \$\$\$ to Grace Mission greatly enhanced the services we could provide. You will be greatly missed by us Vicky. Rest in peace! Pastors Michael
And Sterling*

Sterling Henderson - October 10, 2024 at 03:04 PM