

**Arlyle Elaine Miller**, daughter of Carlyle Myron (1900-1975) and Esther M. (Tellman) (1905-1984)



**Arlyle Miller**  
Arlyle's home work is never neglected. She was a member of the Glee Club, F.H.A., and participated in the junior and senior plays. She is our present class treasurer and the secretary of the Annual Staff.

Miller, was born 17 August 1929, Michigan. She graduated valedictorian of the class of 1947 at Okemos High School and received the Readers Digest Award. She furthered her education with a teacher's degree from Michigan State College.

On Thursday evening and seven veteran graduates were granted diplomas by Superintendent Edward Murdock. Rev. Glenn Frye of Benton Harbor gave an inspiring address. Arlyle Miller as valedictorian and Patricia as salutatorian, each received medals of honor; other awards were made also by Principal Harold Smith to the following: Danforth award, Joan Kaltenecker; D. A. R. award, Patricia Kelly; Readers Digest, Arlyle Miller; athletic award, Robert Webb; agricultural award, Max Kranz. Valere Naert, class president, gave the class memorials (1) replacement of evergreen trees dedicated to gold star veteran graduates, which were planted two years ago and which had died; (2) a mahogany plaque bearing the names of the six school veterans who lost their lives in World War II, to be placed in the vestibule; (3) \$50 to the Okemos class memorial fund to be used at the discretion of the administrators; (4) \$50 for the national high school war memorial fund for the restoration of schools overseas destroyed in World War II.

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## Okemos Honor Students Named

### Valedictorian, Salutatorian Are Girls of 1947 Class

(Special to The State Journal)

OKEMOS, May 6—Principal Harold Smith has announced the honor students from the senior class. Miss Arlyle Miller, daughter of the Carlyle Millers on Hulett road, leads with a scholastic average of 2.593 points, and so becomes valedictorian of the class.

Following her is Miss Patricia Kelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Kelly of Indian Hills with 2.484 points, who will be salutatorian.

Both girls have held many activity positions during their high school period. Arlyle entered the school in the ninth grade while Pat has always attended here.

Others having a "B" average are Mary Lou Black, Dorothy Sawaya and Catherine Thompson.

On 2 December 1950 Arlyle married Charles Russell Wilcox in a ceremony at Okemos Baptist Church, Okemos.

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## **NEWLYWEDS LIVE NEAR DANSVILLE**

Okemos Baptist church was the scene of the Dec. 2 wedding of Miss Arlyle Elaine Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle M. Miller of Mason, and Charles Russell Wilcox, of Dansville. Rev. Holman Johnson and Rev. Elwood Walker, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, performed the double-ring service.

Mr. Wilcox is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Deco Wilcox of Dansville.

Wearing a white satin gown along princess lines with a nylon yoke, the bride carried a cascade arrangement of yellow roses. Her train was chapel-length. A beaded satin crown held her fingertip illusion veil.

Miss Greeta F. Miller was her sister's maid of honor wearing a bronze satin gown and carrying a cascade arrangement of chrysanthemums and oak leaves.

Bridesmaids were Miss Joyce Wilcox, sister of the bridegroom, in green satin, and Miss Jo Ann Townsend.



**MRS. CHARLES R. WILCOX**

Wayne Taylor of Dansville was groomsman. Serving as ushers were Robert Hinkley of Leslie, Vernon Hodge of Webberville, and Lavern Balmer of Mason.

Mrs. Johnson, organist, and Mrs. Jacob Stauffer, soloist, provided wedding music.

A reception in the church parlor followed the ceremony. Assisting were Miss Jean Waid, Miss Joan Kaltenecker, Miss Patricia Kelly and Mrs. Ralph J. Van Kuiken. Mrs. Wayne Taylor was pianist.

The couple will make their home on a farm near Dansville.



### **The Wilcoxes**

Charles and Arlyle Wilcox of Dansville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house Saturday at Millville United Methodist Church, Stockbridge.

He is a farmer. She is a homemaker.

The couple met through mutual friends. They were married Dec. 2, 1950, in Okemos, and have four children, Linda Wilcox, Gary (Emily) Wilcox, Peggy (Richard) Raftery, and Beth (Melvin) Gleason; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Charles, born 26 February 1928, was an entrepreneurial farmer raised on a farm with horses. He and Arlyle celebrated 65 years and 4 children together. At the time of Charles' death, 21 July 2017, his successful farm was computerized. Arlyle died 30 August 2015. The Wilcox's were interred together Fairview Cemetery, Dansville, Ingham County. Inscribed on their tombstone; "In God We Trust"

*Obituary from Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge*

Arlyle Elaine Wilcox, of Dansville, Michigan, age 86, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday evening, August 30, 2015, with her family gathered around her at their home. She and her husband Charles would have celebrated 65 years of marriage in December.

Arlyle was the first child of Carlyle and Esther Miller. She and her sister Greeta grew up in Tower Gardens, East Lansing. After graduating valedictorian from Okemos High School she

attended and graduated from Michigan State College, becoming a school teacher. Then she met and married Charles Russell Wilcox and moved to Dansville where they raised four children. They are faithful members of the Millville United Methodist Church where Arlyle became involved in various areas of the church. She taught Sunday School, was active in the Women's Group, and held church, district, and conference positions. She sang in the choir and her beautiful many weddings and over 30 years.



Arlyle is survived by her Linda Wilcox of (Emily) Wilcox of Raftery of Grafton, (Melvin) Gleason of two great-

voice was requested at funerals. She sang solos for

husband Charles; children: Pasadena, California, Gary Dansville, Peggy (Richard) Massachusetts, and Beth Dansville; five grandchildren; grandchildren; sister Greeta

Powell of Okemos; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother-in-law Lawrence Powell, and grandson Gary Dee Wilcox.

A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2015, at the Millville United Methodist Church, Stockbridge, with Rev. Jeremy Wicks officiating. The family will receive friends at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge, on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Private burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Dansville. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Millville United Methodist Church or Family Life Radio.