

Joan Marie Roney, daughter of Albert Edward (1906-1991) and Mary Katherine (Biebesheimer) (1906-2003) Roney, was born 1 December 1930, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan. She graduated in 1948 from Okemos High School and then in 1951 from nurses training at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

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Miss Joan, Roney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roney of Lansing, will graduate from the Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing at Kalamazoo on Aug. 24. Graduation exercises will be held in the First Methodist church of Kalamazoo at 8 p.m. Miss Roney graduated from Okemos high school in 1948 and entered the Bronson School of Nursing in the fall of 1948.

Joan married Richard Oliver Milham 2 September 1951, Okemos, Ingham County, Michigan.

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MISS JOAN MARIE RONEY BECOMES BRIDE OF RICHARD MILHAM OF KALAMAZOO

Tall pew candelabra with ivy entwined tapers lighted the aisle to the altar during the 8 p.m. wedding ceremony Sunday when Miss Joan Marie Roney became the bride of Richard Milham of Kalamazoo.

Okemos Community church was scene of the ceremony performed by Rev. David S. Evans.



The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Roney, Hagadorn rd. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Milham of Leesburg, Fla., and Kalamazoo are the bridegroom's parents.

Following nuptial music played by Miss Phyllis MacAllan, Mrs. Richard Corlin sang. This preceded the entrance of the bridal party, Miss Mary Alice Biebesheimer of Wayne, bridesmaid, and Miss Marcia Milham of Kalamazoo, maid of honor. They wore aqua gowns of net and taffeta and carried arrangements of toast-colored chrysanthemums.

The bride, who followed her attendants to the altar, was costumed in white satin featuring an overskirt of lace and a short train. Her veil was attached to a lace Juliet cap and she carried an arrangement of white rose buds and carnations surrounding a white orchid.

The bridegroom's attendants were Donald Upson of Kalamazoo, best man, and Paul Roney, the bride's brother, Robert McCleier, the bridegroom's cousin, and Philip Biebesheimer of Wayne.

From their reception in the church parlors, the newlyweds left for a northern Michigan trip. In two weeks they will return to Kalamazoo to live. For traveling, the bride donned a brown suit with yellow accessories and the orchid from the bridal bouquet.

At the reception, Mrs. P. R. Biebesheimer of Wayne, Miss Gretchen Kiebler and Miss Elma Wiegman served guests from Ohio, Florida, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Mason, Holt, Flint and Battle Creek. On the serving table burned a scented anniversary candle given the newlyweds to use in future years.

Miss Mildred Cardwell acted as hostess at the reception. Her assistants were Miss Jean Avery and Miss Marilyn Burnett. Miss Bernita Biebesheimer registered the wedding guests.

Mrs. Milham was graduated a week ago from Nurses Training school at Bronson Methodist hospital in Kalamazoo. Her husband studied mechanical engineering at Western Michigan college.

Joan and Richard raised two children. Richard was a WWII Army Air Force veteran. He became co-owner of Twin State Machine Tool Company, Moline, Henry County, Illinois. Richard retired in 1988 and died 28 March 1993, Illinois. Joan died 9 February 2008, Henry County, Illinois. Richard and Joan's inurnment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Geneseo, Henry County.

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JOAN MARIE (RONEY) MILHAM

GENESEO, IL

FORMERLY OF OKEMOS, MI

Joan M. Milham, loving wife, mother of two, caring nurse and longtime resident of Geneseo, Il, for 42 years, passed away Saturday, February 9, 2008 at age 77, at Hammond-Henry Hospital Skilled Care Unit, Geneseo. Joan was born on December 1, 1930 in Lansing, Michigan to Albert E. and Mary Biebesheimer Roney. She graduated from Okemos High School in 1948, attended Bronson Nursing School and achieved her accreditation as a Registered Nurse (RN) in 1951. She was married in September of 1951 to Richard O. Milham, then of Kalamazoo, Michigan and moved to Geneseo in 1965. She was an RN for over 12 years with Dr. Stryker (Stryker Medical Industry today) and Hammond Henry Hospital. She was a football, baseball, band, choir and work taxi service for her two children from 1970-1976, Joan loved being Mom to her children, Gramma to her grandchildren, her ice tea, yard work and gardening on their 2 acres of land. Joan's back pain of 17 years and lung cancer are no more. She is with loved ones, at peace, pain free and her warm friendly personality will be dearly missed. Joan is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Lt. Col. Mark and Michelle Milham of Tucson, AZ and daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Jerry Reedy of Johnston, IA; grandchildren, Marcus and his fiancée Emily Lewis, Jessica, Jason and Ralph Milham; her step grandchildren, Nichole and her husband Anthony Marranca, and Antonia Martinez; her brother, Paul E. Roney (Margaret) of East Lansing, MI; and two nieces and two nephews in Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Richard.