



Thomas E. "Tom" Miller

April 1, 1947 - September 28, 2016

Thomas E. "Tom" Miller, age 69 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born on Tuesday, April 01, 1947, in Highland, IL, the son of Elwaine and Louise (nee Jacober) Miller.

On, Saturday, May 24, 1975, at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL, he married Sharon I. Miller (nee Heim) at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL, who survives.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church; VFW Post #5694, Highland, IL.

Born and raised at Highland, IL; graduated from Highland High School in 1965. He served with the US Navy from June of 1965 to May of 1969; active duty during the Vietnam War. He lived a short time in California; moved back to Highland and worked for: Basler Electric; operated his parent's tavern P & L Tavern; Dowell Industries; Arrow Group Industries; owned and operated Miller Upholstery, from 1985 to 1989; custodian for Highland High School, from 1989 to 2009. He enjoyed fishing, coin collecting, socializing and time with his grandchildren and family.

Survivors include:

Wife - Sharon I. Miller (nee Heim), Highland, IL

Son - Darren S. Miller, Highland, IL

Daughter - Kristen R. Miller, Highland, IL

Son - Eric J. (Jennifer) Miller, Highland, IL

Son - Ethan M. Miller, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Jonathon D. Miller, Highland,

Grandchild - Lucille M. Miller, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Edward M. Miller, Highland, IL

Brother - Dennis J. (Starr) Miller, Highland, IL

Brother - Michael L. Miller, Charlotte, NC

Sister - Beatrice K. "Bea" (Gerald "Gerry") Strieker, Aviston, IL

Brother - Patrick J. (Connie) Miller, Sorento, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Elwaine V. "Pete" Miller (died 6/12/1981)

Mother - Louise C. Miller, nee Jacober (died 1/29/1999)

Grandchild - Raymond T. Miller (died 2/2/2014).

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, September 30, 2016, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Saturday, October 01, 2016, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 01, 2016, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL., with Rev. Father Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

Previous Events

Evening Visitation

SEP **30**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
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Morning Visitation

OCT **1**. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Dennis, Starr, Robert and Jeff send the rest of the family our love and prayers. We will miss Tom.* ”

Starr Miller - September 29, 2016 at 10:58 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas E. "Tom" Miller.* ”



September 29, 2016 at 02:14 PM

DA

“ *D. Patrick Akers:(Brother in Law) Losing Tom feels like losing a treasure... let's lock into our memories everything we can about him. He was a larger than life character and I loved him as my own brother. He was rich in experience, wise in the ways of the world, fierce and strong when duty called and a big marshmallow with his grandchildren. He was the epitome of what Alexis de Tocqueville meant in his commentary on our national character. He said, "Americans are not good because they are strong... they are strong because they are good." That was Tom Miller. And his wife and children, too.* ”

D.Patrick Akers - September 29, 2016 at 11:12 AM

PA

“ Tom was a very sweet man. I am fortunate enough to have met him if only briefly. Rest in peace Tom. My sympathies and prayers to his wife, Sharon and all his family.
Patricia Noe

Patricia - September 29, 2016 at 05:14 AM

 Robert Iberg

“ I recall many moments growing up alongside Darren in which I met and got to know his dad Tom. In later years of school we would sit around their home and joke with one another. He shared his knowledge and experiences, and some fun stories. I appreciate those moments and grateful for being welcomed into the Miller household.
Rest well Mr. Miller, and may peace & love be with all of you.
-Rob Iberg

Robert Iberg - September 29, 2016 at 12:13 AM



“ Tommy was a good brother-in-law. He could always make me laugh. He will be missed very much and he will live on in our hearts forever.

Connie Ainsworth-Miller - September 28, 2016 at 09:30 PM