



Thomas Ray Miller

December 18, 1926 - August 21, 2007

Thomas Ray Miller, age 80, of Newport, who was lovingly known to most as Ray, T.R. and to some as "Wormy" left this world Tuesday, August 21, 2007 to rest in the arms of his Lord and Savior. Ray fought a long battle of cancer that left him weak but never lonely or unloved. He was always surrounded by his wife and son and so many others who loved Ray so much.

Ray and his soul-mate, the love of his life, Pauline celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, July 4, 2007. They had a wonderful 50th anniversary party at West End Baptist Church with many friends and family in attendance.

Ray owned and operated T. R. Miller and son Tile Company for more than 30 yrs. He and his son, Gary traveled from the Atlantic Coast to the Pacific Coast, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico installing ceramic tile in many businesses, beautiful homes and buildings. Until his retirement Miller and son was considered the best because of his demand of perfection, artistic ability, and work ethics. When he retired, he was missed by many contractors and home builders.

Ray was a proud veteran of the United States Armed Forces. He was stationed in Berlin, Germany, where he served as a Military Police Officer guarding German Prisoners of War. He was honorably discharged in November of 1946.

He was a faithful member of West End Baptist Church, where he served as an usher always greeting members and visitors with a big smile on his face.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, James Asbury and Adelaide Miller; brothers, James Miller, Jr., Elmer Lee Miller, Oscar Miller and Garnie Miller, Sr.; sisters, Delia Miller Clevenger, Ola Lewis, Clydia Bea Lewis, Janella Miller Knight, and Ida Miller Rhinehart.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Webb Miller; son and daughter-in-law, Gary Ray and Mary Lynne Miller; granddaughter, Jamie Lynn Miller; special nieces, Bonnie Masoner, Laraine K. Hance, Elaine Wester; great niece, Karen H. Butler; special friend Linda Owens; several nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Funeral services will be held 8:00 pm Thursday, August 23, 2007 at West End Baptist Church, with Rev. Tom Mooty and Rev. Scott Gorrell officiating.

Graveside services will be held 10:00 am, Friday, August 24, 2007 in Union Cemetery, with military honors.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm Thursday prior to the funeral services at West End Baptist Church.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice for the loving care and support shown during his illness.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Ray Miller*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Gary very sorry to here about your Dad.My prayers are with you and your family. God Bless*

Dale Maynard - August 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *WE ARE E MAILING TO LET YOU KNOW WE HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE TOLD WHAT A BLESSING YOU AND RAY HAVE BEEN IN THEIR LIVES. MAY GOD GIVE YOU STRENGTH, PEACE , COMFORT AND MANY HAPPY MEMORIES. GOD BLESS YOU*

CLAUDE,EARLENE,JULIE STRANGE - August 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gary and family - We returned in town last night to find out about your loss. We know that God will give you the strength to endure the following weeks and months. The memories and love you all have will serve as a reminder to you that he did make a d*

Berenda & Charles M. Vance - August 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *just want you to know you are in our prayers*

dennis & ann balch - August 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Gary, Dealing with the loss of a loved one is one of the most trying situations. It is difficult to find words of comfort that are adequate. I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I know you built so many incredible memories that ca

Cheryle Hunt - August 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ I am so very sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this time of need and after!

Karen Alexander - August 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Thinking of you and your family.

Jamie Cody, Lindsey and Cody Naillon - August 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ To the Miller Family, I know words can never replace your loved one. Keep the Faith and cherish the many memories Mr. Miller made over the years here on earth. My Sympathy to all of you and especially to Mr. Miller's son, Gary who I have known for the pas

Wayne Sherrell - August 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I'll miss you old buddy !

dan burnett - August 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ WORDS NEVER SEEM SUFFICIENT AT A TIME LIKE THIS. EXPECIALLY FOR A FRIEND LIKE BROTHER RAY. HE SURE IMPRESSED ME AT WEST END. ALWAYS HIS FRIENDLY SMILE AND GRETTING AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH. HE CERTAINLY WILL BE MISSED. PAULENE YOU ARE AND HAVE BEEN IN

JACK AND RACHEL BRATTON - August 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Pauline and Family, We love you and are very sorry for your loss. Neither one of us have ever been through something quite so hard. You are in our prayers.

Gerae Van Dyke and Michael Whitehead - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dear Mrs. Pauline, I was very sad to hear that Mr. Ray had passed away. I have wonderful memories of you both & have missed you. I'm very sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts & prayers.

Cassandra Wilmot - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Words could never express the sadness I felt when I read of your loss. Ray was a wonderful person, I've known no better. Ray was so kind & good & had a smile & a twinkle in his eye that I will never forget. Cassandra & I think & speak of you both often,

Myra Keller-Wilmot - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ I am so sorry for your loss but remember that he is in a perfect body now and happy.

Pat & Patricia Mathis Taylor - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thomas Ray Miller*

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