



James Julius Miller

November 6, 1941 - August 20, 2019

James "Jim" Miller, a man known for being generous, compassionate, hardworking, and purpose driven, died Wednesday, August 20, 2019. Jim, 77, was born November 6, 1941 in Johannesburg, MI to Harvey and Edith (McCready) Miller. On May 8, 1976 Jim married Martha Boltz and together spent the next 43 years creating their legacy. Jim most recently was self-employed in property management. Prior he was instrumental in the unionization of state employees. He was devoted to his family and his church, Peace Lutheran which he and Martha were members for 38 years. Jim enjoyed reading, hunting, fishing, being outdoors, and watching Michigan State sports. He was a proud member of the Democratic Party and was very concerned with Social Justice. Jim's family will always remember him for being very supportive and encouraging everyone to chase their dreams. Helping others was a passion for Jim and he lived by a quote from Martin Luther King Jr: "The time is always right to do what is right."

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Martha; children, Laura (Greg) Bulson, James (Pam) Miller, Mark Miller, Mary (Ron) Miller-Strobel, Christine Miller; 7 grandchildren including Ben and Helen; 12 great-grandchildren; siblings, Gladys, Harvey, Ward, Dorothy, William, Phyllis; and his dog, Gizmo. He was predeceased by his sons, Ben in 2006, Scott in 2016; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Jim's family. Funeral services are Friday,

August 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at The Peace Lutheran Church in Charlotte with Pastor David Keller and Pastor Ron Strobel officiating. Visitation is Thursday, August 22, 2019 from 6-8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The Peace Lutheran Church. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Jim on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
830 North Cochran Avenue
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of James Julius Miller*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 22, 2019 at 02:18 PM

LC

“ *Christine, Martha & Family,*

*My Thoughts & Sympathies go out to you at your time of loss.
Cherish the Memories!*

Linda Cobb

Linda Cobb - August 29, 2019 at 05:11 PM

LK

“ *Martha,*

I am so sorry to learn of your husband's passing. He sounded like a wonderful man dedicated to making this world a much better place. Please accept my deepest sympathy. I know how personally how difficult this journey will be.

*Linda Jansen Kolmodin
Albion*

Linda Jansen Kolmodin - August 24, 2019 at 06:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Julius Miller.*



August 22, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ *32 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 22, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Julius Miller.*



August 22, 2019 at 08:49 AM

EH

*“ I am so sad to hear about this. Jim was a dear member and friend to me as a member of the VFW Dads post 286 of Charlotte. He was such a great member and friend. We shared many meetings and I enjoyed him so much including working the Taco dinners at the VFW and talking about his work etc. I so wanted to see and talk to him again since I moved to Iowa in 2012 and will move back soon. He was so kind and caring and a true gentleman. God bless his family and I will miss him as I have.
Ed Hanover*

Ed Hanover - August 21, 2019 at 11:13 PM

TS

“ Martha I am so sorry for your loss. It sounds like you had a wonderful life together

Tom Stone - August 21, 2019 at 06:22 PM

BL

*Martha,
So sad for you. Jim was one of my very favorite people. In a world where it is hard to find men who are dedicated and loyal to their family and others there was Jim. The fact that he made breakfast for his children before they left for school every day is actually a remarkable fact. One that left an indelible impression in my mind and heart. My most sincere condolences to you and your family.*

Becky Lake - August 23, 2019 at 09:01 AM



“ Martha and Children - I was saddened to hear of the loss of your husband and father. I remember when I think of both of you the kindness and smiles you always portrayed. Know that my prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Keep that smile in your heart as we know God will guide you in the days ahead. Sending love and hugs...

Maureen Orman - August 21, 2019 at 01:21 PM

LF

“ Dearest Martha and Family,
May our Father enfold you with his love and comfort as you travel
this valley. Jim was a great man with a wonderful wife and family.
We love you and hold you in our hearts and prayers.
Mark and Linda Ferguson

Linda Ferguson - August 21, 2019 at 11:24 AM

SH

“ Martha,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this
time.
Praying the memories surround you and provided you comfort
during this difficult time.

Shelley

Shelley - August 21, 2019 at 10:00 AM

KT

“ Our hearts are saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He was a
wonderful and kind man with a twinkle in his eye. We are sending
prayers to Martha and the family. Wish we could be there in person
to share our love. Kim & Terry Torkko

KimberLee Torkko - August 21, 2019 at 07:38 AM

CT

“ Martha, we are so sorry to hear about Jim. You and the family, are
in our thoughts and prayers Cheryl and Fred Tisdale

Cheryl Tisdale - August 21, 2019 at 01:47 AM

SS

“ So sorry Martha, my sympathies.

Susan Strum - August 20, 2019 at 11:29 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Julius Miller.



August 20, 2019 at 09:41 PM

NO

“ Nora purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Julius Miller.



Nora - August 20, 2019 at 09:29 PM

HM

“ My younger brother Jim was instrumental in any mischief during our youth, and he took the lead in "controlling" the outlaws in our family reunions during our later years. I am sure that he and Barbara are already planning reunions as the rest of our family join them. Thanks, Jim, for so many happy memories.-- Brother Harvey

Harvey Miller - August 20, 2019 at 08:39 PM

JC

A man with a quick smile, a firm handshake, integrity, compassion, and an ever ready willingness to assist anyone, anytime. We will miss you more than you will know, but know you are at peace in the Lord's house.

Joe Crigier - August 20, 2019 at 10:57 PM

RM

“ *Rich and Connie Morrison purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Julius Miller.*



Rich and Connie Morrison - August 20, 2019 at 08:33 PM

CM

“ *Martha, Mary, and Christine: We are shocked and heartbroken for you. Jim was one of the kindest people I have ever know and had a terrific sense of humor. I remember at Mary's wedding he declined to tell any stories about Mary on the grounds that she probably had more on him than he did on her! It is still one of the best wedding memories I have. Rich and I send our condolences to all of your family. We will hold you close in prayer. Rich and Connie Morrison*

Connie Morrison - August 20, 2019 at 08:21 PM

ES

“ *Martha I am so very sorry to hear the lost of your husband may the peace of the Lord be you and the family a friend in Christ*

Elaine Sobleskey - August 20, 2019 at 07:50 PM