



David Stanley Miller

August 7, 1942 - November 14, 2025

David Stanley Miller, age 83, of Drummond Island, Michigan, died on November 14, 2025, at home surrounded by his family. He was born on August 7, 1942, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to Walter S. and Lorraine Carolyn (Cleaver) Miller.

Dave grew up on Drummond Island, and during his senior year of high school he made the decision to leave school and enlist in the United States Army. He was stationed in France and Germany, where he proudly earned his GED while serving his country. After three years of service, Dave was honorably discharged and returned home to Drummond Island.

On March 18, 1967, he married Patricia “Patsy” Elaine Laakso in Dearborn, Michigan, where Patsy was working at the time. The couple later returned to Drummond Island, where they built their life together and started their family. Dave went on to work for the Drummond Island Quarry, dedicating more than thirty years to the company.

Dave loved the outdoors and spent much of his free time hunting, fishing, and trapping. Above all, he cherished the time he shared with his family and friends.

Dave is survived by his wife of 58 years, Patsy; daughter, Robbie Valez of

Apache Junction, Arizona; son, Steven (Megan) Miller of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; daughter, Jolene (Tim Matkovich) Miller of Cheboygan, Michigan; and son, John (Tara) Miller of Drummond Island; grandchildren, Johnny (Whitney Wilson) Miller, Heather Miller, Amber (Justin Flowers) Matkovich, Kyle Matkovich, Drew (Ben) Valez and Allyssa (fiancé, Tyler Robinson) Miller; great-grandchildren, Mya Gruno, Makayla Miller and Belle; brother, Joseph (Lori) Miller; brother-in-law, Bill (Sandy) Laakso; and sister-in-law, Sherie Bailey.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Lorraine; baby brother, Steven Miller; brother, Jack (Julie) Miller, son-in-law, Jamie Valez; in-laws, Eino and Helen Laakso; brother-in-law, Ronald (Dee) Laakso, sister-in-law, Mary Laakso; and brother-in-law, Richard Bailey.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 11:30 to 12:00 Noon followed by the Memorial Service at 12:00 Noon at Lighthouse Christian Church, 29898 E. Pine St., Drummond, MI 49726.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dave's memory to McLaren Home Care & Hospice, 360 Connable Ave., Petoskey, MI 49770.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to McLaren Hospice, especially Nancy, Tina, and Lacey, for the exceptional care, compassion, and support they provided this past year.

Family Life Funeral Homes – Pickford assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be given to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV **22**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Lighthouse Christian Church
29898 E Pine St
Drummond, MI 49726

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Tribute Wall

TK

“ *Patsy and family,
Sending you all heartfelt condolences for your
beloved loss. Thoughts come flooding back to
me now of my visit with Dave and you and
pup when on Drummond Island this summer.
Your love for each other and family, a blessing. Thinking of you.
Much love,
Terry (Wiinamaki) Keuscher*



Terry (Wiinamaki) Keuscher - November 21, 2025 at 08:28 AM

DM

“ *To Dave's Family,

Dave was a high school friend.
It was unique in a small school to have two people with the same
name and almost the same age. (He was a grade behind me)
RIP Dave, you were a nice guy who I always enjoyed seeing and
saying hello to at basketball games.

Dave Miller
DeTour Village.*

David F. Miller - November 20, 2025 at 09:15 PM

PB

“ To Davy's wife and children...so very sorry for your loss. My Mom and Dad (Ruth and Del Sparks) were life long freinds of Walt and Lorraine. As a child my family spent at least a week every year in Aunt Marge's small cabin on Parish Lake just a short walk from Walts house. Some of my best childhood memories of fishing and just running in the woods. Dave and Jackie were always my protectors, I was the youngest! I am the last of my siblings may they all RIP.
Patricia Sparks Brown, Terre Haute, Indiana



Patricia Ann Brown - November 20, 2025 at 09:03 PM

OR

“ OMH Radiology purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of David Stanley Miller.



OMH Radiology - November 19, 2025 at 07:11 AM

SS

“ So very sorry for your loss. Sending Blessings and hugs to all of you.
Sharon Sadegh



Sharon Sadegh - November 18, 2025 at 09:10 PM



“ *We're so sorry for your loss gods blessings to you all.*
Charles & Virginia
Olmstead

Virginia Olmstead - November 18, 2025 at 02:55 PM