



Edward Franklin "Ed" Miller

November 8, 1959 - January 14, 2022

Edward "Ed" Franklin Miller, Jr., age 62, of Neebish Island, Michigan, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on January 14, 2022, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Michigan. He was born in Marion, Ohio, on November 8, 1959, to parents Edward Franklin Miller, Sr. and Frances (Foster) Phelps.

Ed moved to Neebish Island when he was six months old and then to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, when he was ten. He was a 1978 graduate of Sault Area High School. He also attended the Sault Area Career Center, where he obtained several vocational certificates. Ed then went on to attend Lake Superior State University where he met his wife, Lori Anne (Timoszyk) Miller. They married at Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan, on January 7, 1984, and later moved to Newberry, Michigan, where he worked for many years at Lynn Auto Parts. Ed later worked as a deckhand on the Neebish Island Ferry. He retired in 2016.

Ed was a member of the Neebish Island Historical Society, a volunteer for the Neebish Island Fire Department and a member of the Neebish Island Improvement Association. He was also a member of Ducks Unlimited and the Audubon Society. Ed was a former Webelos leader and assisted with the Boy Scouts in Newberry. Ed was honored to be a volunteer guardian to a WWII Veteran from Sugar Island for the Upper Peninsula Honor Flight's trip to

Washington, D.C. in 2016.

Ed was a sociable and considerate man. He and Lori were licensed foster parents to eight boys. Ed loved his family and friends. Ed loved teaching children how to rock hunt, appreciate nature, enjoy the outdoors, fish and boat. He was always willing to help anyone in need and was a very kind and generous person. He loved his tractor, taking every opportunity to use his tractor to help others. He enjoyed tractors, motorcycles, boating, four-wheeling and fishing, (especially magnet fishing with his grandsons). Ed loved all animals - especially birds, raccoons, dogs, and turtles (Oh, my!). He enjoyed spending time outdoors and feeding the deer - his "ladies." His love for all animals earned him the title of the local "Animal Whisperer." Ed considered himself to be Smokey Bear's #1 fan. Ed was everything Neebish Island.

Ed is survived by his wife Lori Anne Miller; sons, Kenneth (Charlene) Miller of Newberry, Michigan, and Matthew Sharp of Traverse City, Michigan; grandsons, Kenyon, Konner, Kellan, and Kason; brother, Ronald Phelps of Mobile, Alabama; sisters, Patricia Stevens of Sault Ste. Marie and Bonnie (Simon) Langner of Neebish Island; foster brother, Russ (Lynn) Allen of Greenville, Wisconsin; and sisters-in-law, Evelyn Phelps of Alabama, Barbara (Jim) Wachowski of Tucson, Arizona, and Camille (Gene) Short of Sahuarita, Arizona; and many special nieces and nephews. Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Franklin Miller and Frances (Foster) Phelps; foster parents, Drs. Steve and Margaret Malmberg; brother, Robert Phelps; sister, Debbie Miller; brother-in-law, Ronald Stevens, and son, Sean Sharp.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, June 4th at St. James Episcopal Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, at 11:00 A.M. Interment will follow at the Catholic Cemetery on Neebish Island, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Neebish Island Historical Society, 17592 South Simonsen Road, Barbeau, Michigan 49710.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation in Pickford, Michigan, is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Neebish Island Catholic Cemetery

17499 S Limping Water Row
Barbeau, MI 49710

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church
533 Bingham Avenue
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783
stjames533@gmail.com
<https://www.stjames533.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Franklin "Ed" Miller*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Edward Franklin "Ed" Miller*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Edward Franklin "Ed" Miller*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Lori and family. We are so sorry for your loss. He was still young, but you were blessed to have such a wonderful man in your lives for so long. Cherish all your wonderful memories. God bless you. Mark and Teri Young*

Teri Young - January 30, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ *When I think of Ed, I think of a gentle, kind man who always had a smile and a "hello" with his genuine greeting. During the summer I walked with my mom often to the end of Simonsen and would see him tending to his "ladies" (feeding the deer), or working in the yard. We are sad to lose Ed who was indeed all things Neebish Island. Holding hope for you, Lori, and your family. And sending love and gratitude for all that you and Ed have given to all of us on the Island. Ed made the world a better place. He will be missed.*
- Jeff and Kelly Dumler

Kelly Dumler - January 27, 2022 at 12:44 PM

DA

“ So sorry to hear about Ed's passing .. He was a good man and friend. Doug Adams

Douglas Adams - January 25, 2022 at 01:50 PM

RH

“ Sorry to read of his passing. Had a lot of great conversations with him at Lynn's I will put a decorate a Christmas for him. Ironic I went by your old house on 117 yesterday and wondered how he was doing and today saw is obituary. He was and will always be a good man. Sorry to send my condolences this way. He will be missed.

Richard Haley - January 24, 2022 at 09:30 PM

SP

“ Lorri, So sorry about your loss. I enjoyed working with him on the ferry. Sending prayers 🙏 Rudy Pavlat

Sue Pavlat - January 22, 2022 at 11:59 AM

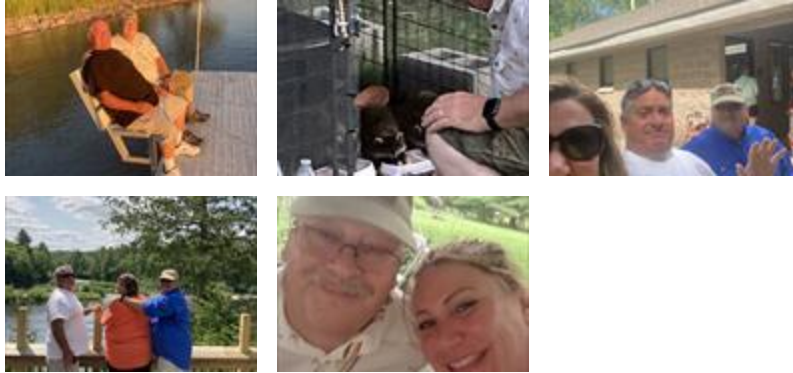
MH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. He always made me smile. Thoughts and prayers with Lori and the family 🙏🙏

Melissa Hammond - January 21, 2022 at 02:46 PM

KH

“ Our memories of last summer with Ed and Lori, we will cherish forever. ❤️ Kimmy & Gregg



kimberly hanson - January 21, 2022 at 12:22 AM

JK

He was a sweet sweet man taken to soon. Prayers and thoughts are with Lori and family during this sad sad time.

judith kendra - January 21, 2022 at 03:30 PM



So sorry Lori. Prayers for you and your family

Tim Ann Bradley - January 22, 2022 at 11:22 AM

NS

Praying 🙏 for you & your family. Sending wishes of strength. God bless.

Nichole Spatafore - January 23, 2022 at 11:54 AM