



James "Jim" Caldwell Miller

April 22, 1933 - June 28, 2017

James Caldwell "Jim" Miller, age 84, of Pickford, Michigan, died on June 28, 2017 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was born on April 22, 1933 in Pickford to Earl Henry and Beulah Pearl (Wilson) Miller.

Jim grew up in Pickford and graduated from Pickford High School in 1951. He was drafted into the United States Army and served two years before returning to Pickford. Living only a mile away, he met Marion Lordson and they married on December 1, 1956 at Pickford Presbyterian Church. They began their family while he worked at Lipsett Chevrolet in Pickford. He also worked many hours on his farm, drove the local milk truck, and hauled freight. In 1980, Jim and Marion moved from the farm to Kinross, Michigan, only to return to Pickford a few years later. He worked as a meat inspector for the State of Michigan and the federal government for 18 years, followed by 10 years as a corrections officer, finally retiring in 1993. After retirement, Jim and Marion traveled to Alaska for a needed vacation. After that vacation, Jim worked part time for ten years at R. Galer Funeral Home. He helped in many ways but the public will remember him greeting them at the door when they came for visitations.

Jim was a member of the Pickford Presbyterian Church and American Legion Post #323.

Jim was an avid walker. He enjoyed cutting wood, camping, snowmobiling, and spending time at the family cabin and with his grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marion Miller; children, Sue (Keith) MacDonald of Pickford, Tim (Patsy) Miller of Pickford, Jan (Mark) Huber of Reedsburg, Wisconsin, Marty (Sherry) Miller of Pickford, and Kurt (Brenda) Miller of Fairbanks, Alaska; grandchildren, Randy (Shaunna) MacDonald, Stacey (Ron) Miller, Amy (Grahame Murray) MacDonald, Brandon (Mel) Trago, Amanda (Tyler Geoffroy) Trago, Kara (Tyler) Ruchti, Kyle (Kaitlyn) Huber, Ben Miller, Jamie (Jason) Everitt; fourteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Margaret (Frank) Clark of Muskegon, Michigan, and Linda (Ron) Lawlor of Leesburg, Florida; brother, Robert Miller of Cedarville, Michigan; sisters-in-law, Anna Mae Miller of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Shirley Lordson of Burt Lake, Michigan, brothers-in-law, Tony (Lois) Lordson of Rapid River, Michigan and Robert (Colleen) Lordson of Burt Lake, Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ronald Miller, Royce Miller, and Willard Miller; sister-in-law, Teresa Miller; and brother-in-law, Allen Lordson.

Visitation will be held on Monday, July 3, 2017 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford. Funeral Service will follow at 1:00 P.M. with Pastor Jessica Paulsen officiating.

Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to SHSS, (Memo: Pennington House), 1501 W. 6th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
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Funeral Service

JUL 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ James "Jim" Caldwell Miller

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ James "Jim" Caldwell Miller

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ James "Jim" Caldwell Miller

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. May your memories be of some comfort.

Ellen Nason - July 17, 2017 at 06:30 AM



“ *"Don't eat chicken legs, they have too much disease". Its funny how a simple statement told to you while you are a kid, sticks with you for decades. I look back on many positive experiences while visiting on those too short of stays in UP and hanging out with Uncle Jim and Aunt Marion. We are sorry to hear of Jims passing and pray for comfort for the rest of family. Karl and Kathy Miller, Wichita, KS.*

Karl Miller - July 03, 2017 at 08:18 AM

JH

“ Marion and family. So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Our sympathy is with you at this time. I have many memories of Jim as I use to stay at their house as a little girl with Linda.
Thinking of you.

Joyce (Galer) and Nelson Holt
Mystic CT

Joyce Holt - July 01, 2017 at 11:34 AM

RL

“ I REMEMBER HAY BAILING ON GRANDPA'S FARM IN PICKFORD, WHEN I WOULD RIDE ON TOP OF THE TRAILER WHEN I WAS A KID, THE FORD TRUCK WITH THE HORSE HOOD ORNAMENT THAT MADE IT GO, AND MANY GOOD TIMES.

RICHARD LAWLOR - July 01, 2017 at 12:41 AM

LS

“ Jim was a very sweet man who always had a smile and kind word, so sorry to hear Marion, you're in our thoughts and prayers.

Liz Soderlund - June 30, 2017 at 07:12 PM

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“ Jim was a great friend, cousin, man. He will be sorely missed by all. We are remembering you all with love and sympathy, love Elva, Ann Marie, Kerry , Mary Lynne and Lorne and Lorena.

Ann Marie - June 30, 2017 at 12:17 PM