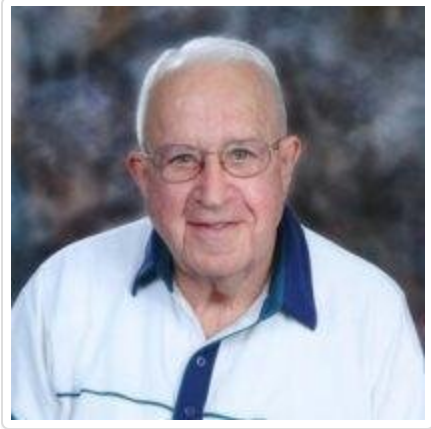




Kenneth Miller

April 1, 1919 - March 22, 2014

SMITHVILLE – Kenneth Miller, 94, passed away in his home on Saturday, March 22 , 2014 after being diagnosed with cancer on March 9.

A life-long resident of Smithville, Ken was born on April 1, 1919 to William C. and Olive (Stauffer) Miller. He married Elizabeth Kriner on February 5, 1938. Over the next twenty-five years, they had twelve children: Carmen, Jim, Susan, Beth, Tom, John, Tim, Mark, Andy, Peter, Ted and Sarah. His children Peter, Tom, Jim and his wife preceded him in death. He has 36 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Our feelings about dad and grandpa are summed up by this remembrance written by one of his grandchildren: “Grandpa Miller is a wonderful man who will leave this world with no enemies, no regrets and no baggage. Grandpa was his class valedictorian, husband, Marine, father of 12 kids, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather of more than he can keep track of, ping pong paddler, horseshoe thrower, plumber, fisherman, woodworker, lawn care provider, music lover, patient craftsman of practical jokes that were sometimes months in the making, story-teller, avid napper, preacher, "hero", friend. He always had room on his lap for his grand kids and loved on us with “kissin' time”. He is one of the most generous, caring people that I know and a great example of how to live life, love God and serve others.”

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Smithville, with Pastor Kristy Buyok officiating. Interment will follow at the Smithville Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday at the church from 6 - 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr., Wooster is honored with serving the family.

Ken would prefer memorial contributions in lieu of flowers. You may give to the "Loop Hearing Aid Fund" at St Paul Lutheran Church, 777 Summit Street, Smithville, Ohio 44677 or Hospice LifeCare, 2525 Back Orrville Road, Wooster, OH 44691.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.custerglenn.com.

Cemetery Details

Smithville Cemetery

Akron Rd.
Smithville, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
777 Summit St.
Smithville, OH 44677

Visitation

MAR **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

MAR **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CW

“ Ken was a great man and he will be missed but god has saved a special place for him in heaven

change the world - July 04, 2015 at 11:01 PM

PG

“ Ken Miller will certainly be missed by his many, many friends. We all looked forward to a new joke or bit of wisdom that he passed on. There was nothing that he or son Mark could not fix or repair. God's blessings to this large family and the loss they are feeling. Heaven has welcomed someone that will be appreciated by all.

Philip Gresser

Philip Gresser - March 29, 2014 at 03:27 PM

CH

“ *To All the Miller Clan,
I don't know where to start with my thoughts on Kenny. I have known him my whole life with him being such a good buddy to our dad, Warren. When you got those two together you never knew what to believe coming out of their mouths. His dry sense of humor and that sly smile will always hold a place in my memories. He was such a great friend to my dad all through the years and all through the hard times of losses, health issues and more. I know many people remember all the mornings down at Roger's over breakfast time with the laughs and story telling. When many other people stopped coming to visit our dad when his health started to fail, Kenny was also the steadfast friend who stopped in every day to visit, talk and help him to laugh. We will be forever grateful for his friendship. We have all lost a great person, but we wish you all peace and let all the fun and fond memories help you through this difficult time.*

Sincerely,

Dave and Carolyne (Ramseyer) Haynes

Carolyne Haynes - March 26, 2014 at 06:22 AM

TM

“ *Here in Tallahassee we have been blessed to have Andy and his family amongst us for many years. What a blessing they are. And we have felt we know the entire Miller clan since Andy and Lisa have shared many stories, particularly of “Dad”, as Andy calls him. How precious it is that all of you were able to be there with him, holding his hand as he entered into heaven. He has blessed us all through his loving family and we are grateful.*

Tallahassee Healing Prayer Ministries - March 25, 2014 at 02:34 PM

KM

“ Here in The Villages, we only knew of Ken through his son, our dear friend and fellow musician, Ted. For the past six years he has shared his talent, his sense of humor, and his pervasive sensitivity to the welfare of those around him. I see in the photo's that Ted has the same 'you-know-I'm-a-Christian' smile as his father. May Ted and his siblings and their children continue the legacy of honesty, integrity, and loyalty so apparent in all references to Ken. In the end, parents realize that we--their sons and daughters--are the only living legacy they leave behind. May we all be worthy of their trust.

A Friend,

Ken Dieffenbach



Kenneth M Dieffenbach MD - March 25, 2014 at 09:47 AM

KK

“ Dear Miller families:
Our sympathy to each of you in the loss of Ken. Our little community is certainly losing many of the wonderful people that we all grew up with, and that made impressions on our lives. Ken always had something funny to say when he could come and work on our furnace. What a wonderful legacy he has left for each of you. Our thoughts and prayers will continue for you all during this difficult time.

Keith & Ann Kline - March 25, 2014 at 06:59 AM

JB

“ KENNY WOULD COME AND WORK ON OUR FURANCE OR PLUMBING AND WOULD WHISTLE HYMNS ALLTHE TIME HE WAS THEIR, AND NEVER LEFT TELL HE TOLD YOU A JOKE OR A STORY THAT MADE YOUR DAY ,SO KEN THANKS FOR ALL THE MEMORIES AND KEEP ON WHISTLING, OR FRIENDS JOETTA AND HAROLD

JOETTA BLOUGH - March 24, 2014 at 10:19 AM

 Paul Seling

“ I'll always remember sitting in front of Kenny every week in church as a young boy. One week he handed me an envelope with my name typed on the front and a coin inside. I remember feeling so special that my name was typed on that envelope. Then each week following he would slip me another envelope with another foreign coin inside along with a short description of where the coin was from. The last time he did that he handed me a bag of coins and said his eyes were getting to old to tell what they all were but that I should take them and find out. I spent lots of time looking through coin books figuring out what they all were. I still have all of those many, many coins and typed descriptions and plan on keeping them until I can pass them on to someone else in the same way. Such a great man, he will be missed!

Paul Seling - March 24, 2014 at 08:08 AM

LL

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Ken was a very special person and he will be greatly missed. Our hearts are heavy for Kens's family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you & the rest of your family and friends. May you be comforted with the peace of God at this difficult time! Larry & Laura Fortner



llf - March 23, 2014 at 08:32 PM

LF

“ *Larry & Laura Fortner lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Miller*



Larry & Laura Fortner - March 23, 2014 at 08:23 PM



“ *John, Mary and family, What a funny, clever, thoughtful man. I will never forget the trick he pulled on us when we visited from Paintsville. He had us convinced he was from Paintsville and knew everyone there. I know he will be missed by you all. You all are in our prayers and thoughts, Love you all, Bob and Jennie Lanane*

Jennifer Lanane - March 23, 2014 at 04:47 PM