



Gene Miller

August 11, 1940 - August 23, 2020

Gene Miller, 80, of Walnut Hill, passed away Sunday, August 23, 2020 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia.

He was born August 11, 1940 in Boyd, the son of Jess Miller and Ferne (Copple) Miller. He married Mary Katherine Kell on April 16, 1960 in Shawneetown and she survives in Walnut Hill.

In addition to his wife of 60 years, Kathy Miller of Walnut Hill, he is also survived by his two sons: Ronald Miller and wife Kathy of Walnut Hill and Steven Miller and wife Tammy of Centralia; four grandchildren: Kelli Wyatt, Nick Miller and wife Laura, Chelsey Heern and husband Patrick, and Kassy Miller all of Centralia and two great-grandchildren: Bennett Wyatt and Tanner Wyatt both of Centralia; a brother: Jerry Miller and wife Linda of Dix; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Jess & Ferne Miller, a brother: Jesse Miller, Jr. and a sister, Dolores Sanders .

Gene was a lifelong resident of Walnut Hill. He worked as a painter for the Illinois Central Railroad from 1960 - 1970. In 1971 he started working at the Altadonna's IGA in Centralia in the Meat Department and retired in 1997. He was a member of the United Food Commercial Workers Union. Gene was a member of Fouts Christian Church in Centralia.

Gene farmed and raised hogs for 20 years. He enjoyed playing pinochle. Gene enjoyed traveling with his wife, Kathy, and they visited all 50 states. Gene cherished the time he spent with his wife, sons, grandchildren, family

and friends.

Funeral Services for Gene Miller will be held Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Jerry Wilson officiating. Burial will follow at the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Visitation will be held Tuesday, August 25, 2020 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. The family ask those who are attending to please be mindful of social distancing, wear a mask, and any health precaution necessary to insure a healthy environment. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Little Grove Cemetery Fund and/or the CCBA Food Pantry and will be accepted at the Hillcrest Funeral Home and Cremation Center at P.O. Box 745 Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-6122, who is honored to be of service to the Miller Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Inc.
235 North Sycamore
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for the family.

Kathryn Stover - August 26, 2020 at 05:37 PM

MH

“ So sorry. He was a wonderful person I love both of them waited on them for years fly high rest in peace you're a God's angel now



Marie Hixembaugh - August 24, 2020 at 11:06 PM

SN

“ Sandra Neabuhr lit a candle in memory of Gene Miller



Sandra Neabuhr - August 24, 2020 at 06:28 PM

SN

“ I will miss his gentle, sweet nature & that beautiful smile.

sandra Neabuhr - August 24, 2020 at 06:17 PM

RW

“ Kathy,so sorry to hear about Gene.Your in my thoughts and prayers.
Roy Ward

roy ward - August 24, 2020 at 01:10 PM

KS

“ Butch & I are so sorry to hear of Gene’s passing, please know our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family at this time... 🙏❤️🙏
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Karon Smith - August 24, 2020 at 07:23 AM

LF

“ Dear Kathy and family so sorry to hear about the passing of Gene, I enjoyed working with Gene at IGA , He was a joy to be around, I know that he will truly be missed.

Lemuel Flagg - August 24, 2020 at 06:15 AM