



Tommy E. Miller

February 1, 1952 - August 11, 2021

Tommy E. Miller, 69, of Centralia, passed away Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at his home.

He was born February 1, 1952 in Centralia, the son of Darrell “Jerry” Miller and Delores (Smith) Miller. He married Faith Russell on December 27, 2014 and she survives in Centralia.

In addition to his mother: Delores Miller of Centralia, he is also survived by his wife: Faith Russell-Miller of Centralia; children: Scott Miller, Sarah Miller, and Chris Smothers all of Centralia, Alexis Cooksey and fiancé Chris Folmsbee and Travis Cooksey all of Centralia; grandchildren: Arianna, T.J., Isabelle, Brooklyn, Easton, Layton, Kody, Kace, and Serayah; three brothers: Mike Miller and wife Leighann of Centralia, Mitch Miller and wife Tammy of Centralia, and Steve Miller and wife Melissa of Benton; sister: Tammy Hensley and husband Craig of Centralia; several nieces and nephews; and numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his father: Jerry Miller, grandparents: Chester Miller, Sr. and Gladys Miller, Ernest “Smitty” Smith and Grace Smith.

Tommy was a graduate of the Centralia High School Class of 1969. He was self employed for many years and he owned and operated T’s Concrete formerly known as S&M Basements. He was a member of the Wild Bunch 1969 and was a CHS Alumni. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinal’s Fan. He enjoyed listening to music, going to concerts and watching baseball, basketball, and football games. Tommy was the “King of the Grill”; he loved

cooking and barbecuing for family, friends and the CYFL. He also cooked for many of the Cancer Survivor Dinners. Tommy always had a smile on his face, would go above and beyond to help anyone, and “No” was not in his vocabulary. He loved his hometown, his family and friends.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 8:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. Visitation will be held Tuesday evening from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wild Bunch 1969 Scholarship Fund and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Miller Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 8:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Tommy E. Miller*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - August 17, 2021 at 03:07 PM



“ *Every stage of our lives have memories of this kind, funny, and smart guy in it. One of the first guys I met after moving to Centralia and honored I got to know him most of my life. We will truly miss your presence in this world! Prayers and peace to the family and friends so acutely experiencing your departure. You are loved.*



Pat Stephens Williams - August 17, 2021 at 03:06 AM



Pat Stephens-Williams

Pat Stephens-Williams - August 17, 2021 at 03:07 AM



My friend since the third grade. Rest In Peace Tom.

jJerry Dunbar - August 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM

GF

“ *May our Lord carry you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

- Graciano Family

Graciano Family - August 16, 2021 at 10:53 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Tommy E. Miller.*



August 16, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Tommy E. Miller.*



August 15, 2021 at 05:46 PM

MW

“ My condolences go to the Miller family. I met Tom when I was a concrete supply salesman and Tom and Gary owned S&M Basements. Two of the nicest and hardworking guys I ever met. I remember many a hot summer day when they were out setting forms finishing concrete and teaching the young guys who worked for them what true honest hard work was. What a great example they were for the young guys of Centralia. I remember Tom loved to talk about all sports and especially Centralia Basketball. I also remember Tom and Gary along with some of their concrete crew drove to my brother in laws house and helped set forms and pour and finish a garage floor. They wouldn't take any money for it. I will never forget that. That is what I remember about Tom. What an awesome person. I met a lot of people during my time and he was someone I will never forget. Rest In Peace my friend.

Mark Whitcomb - August 15, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Tommy E. Miller.



August 15, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Tommy E. Miller.



August 15, 2021 at 09:13 AM

KS

“ *The first time I met you was when Will and I came up for the golf outing there in Centralia. I remember telling Will how sweet you are and I could really tell how much Will loved you. You are a special person with a beautiful soul Tommy, may you rest in Heaven ❤️*

Kendyl S - August 15, 2021 at 12:34 AM

SM

“ *Sandy Maddox lit a candle in memory of Tommy E. Miller*



Sandy Maddox - August 14, 2021 at 02:25 PM

NA

“ *Knew Tommy for 50+ years. He was a good person. RIP my friend. Deepest sympathy to his family..*

Noland Atchison - August 14, 2021 at 10:01 AM

WB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



William Bates - August 13, 2021 at 06:32 PM

WB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



William Bates - August 13, 2021 at 06:22 PM

WB

“ RIP to my great friend Tommy Miller. I remember the day we met and I thought they called you Miller because all the Miller Lites you drank! Brother feels like yesterday when we got wasted at JoNo's and had faith throw you in the front seat and me in the back seat and drive us home! You never judged anyone and always showed me love. Rest easy partner...we'll take it from here.



William Bates - August 13, 2021 at 06:17 PM

KD

“ Kristi Danielwicz lit a candle in memory of Tommy E. Miller



Kristi Danielwicz - August 13, 2021 at 05:41 PM

MH

“ Marie Hixenbaugh lit a candle in memory of Tommy E. Miller



Marie Hixenbaugh - August 13, 2021 at 01:06 PM

AB

“ Tommy was a special person, he didn,t know me but because I was a friend of his best friend Jim Danielwicz, I was welcomed with open arms. He wlcomed me into his home and he made fell like family. There are not may people like Tommy and unfortunatly for all us there is one fewer. God speed Tommy. All my love and simpathy to Faith and Tommy's family. I wish I could be there.



Allen Bateman - August 12, 2021 at 09:31 PM

AB

“ Allen Bateman lit a candle in memory of Tommy E. Miller



Allen Bateman - August 12, 2021 at 09:24 PM

CL

“ Christy Lockwood lit a candle in memory of Tommy E. Miller



Christy Lockwood - August 12, 2021 at 05:26 PM

JD

Well my best friend since 14 year old you have a done a lot of great thing for so many people over the year . Just to name a few the wild bunch foundation over 50,000 dollars in scholarship , youth football majior sponsor relay for life ICENTRALIA Hs football and many other event . You were all way there for your family friends and people of CENTRALIA will miss you . Rest In Peace glad to have been your friend for so many years.

Jim Danielwicz - August 13, 2021 at 04:25 PM

DR

I am so very sorry and shocked hearing of Tommy's passage and pray his wife , family and friends will take a little comfort that he was so loved by so many and always seemed to show a big smile every time you seen him. His vast amount of concrete work he did will be seen for decades and each time will bring back memories to many.

Him and his former partner Gary Smith did so 100's of basements and concrete driveways in our area and I could tell he always excited and enjoyed working and doing cook outings and events with Big Jim D. and drinking a beer with Tom A. along with many other of his friends.

*He will be missed but always fondly remembered and loved
Rest in Peace Tommy / Prayers*

Dan Ramey

dan ramey - August 14, 2021 at 10:53 AM

DW

I have known Tommy since grade school and he was always one of the "good guys." From childhood relationships through adulthood Tommy continually grew and cared for others. I was privileged to sit at many a table after he prepared a feast, what an incredible cook. I served along side him at fund raising and recognition events and he always gave each one his VERY best. He wasn't into recognition and was usually found in the background just doing his best for others. My heart aches for all who knew him and especially for Faith and his family including Jim Danielwicz who was his chosen brother. RIP my dear friend and may God bless all who mourn your passing.

Dena C Walton - August 14, 2021 at 11:55 AM