



Robert C. "Bob" Miller

December 31, 1939 - August 9, 2017

Robert C. (Bob) Miller, 77, of Bloomington left this life on Wednesday, August 9, 2017.

Born on December 31, 1939, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, he was the son of Carlus Earl and Lula Estella (Adams) Miller. Bob was a 1958 graduate of Hoagland (IN) High School, where he excelled as a class leader and athlete. He received the Bachelor of Science in Education degree in 1964 from Ball State University, majoring in business and lettering in gymnastics. Later, he worked toward a master's degree in psychology at Saint Francis University, Fort Wayne, and at Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne (IPFW). On June 19, 1980, he married Jan (Kissner) Cady in Fort Wayne.

Bob was an inspirational teacher and coach at Columbia City (IN) High School and Churubusco (IN) High School. While building beautiful homes, he challenged his Building Trades students to become men and taught them a sense of the appropriate. He coached varsity boys' golf to several championships, girls' varsity basketball and freshman boys' basketball. Prior to teaching, he was an admissions counselor and coach at Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne and a salesman for both State Farm and Pan American Life Insurance. He enjoyed golf and was a member of Eagle Pointe Golf Club. A skilled craftsman and artist, he loved restoring wooden boats, making wine, and entertaining countless friends and random strangers with his storytelling. He is survived by his wife Jan Miller of Bloomington; five daughters, Kristi (Mrs. Dan) Lewark, Wendy (Mrs. Daren) Sherbondy and Jami (Mrs. Doug)

Settle, all of Fort Wayne, Jill (Mrs. Curtis) Stewmon of Navarre, FL, and Jana Lea Cady (Mrs. Berry) Lindemeyer of Bloomington; ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; two sisters, Janice (Mrs. Don) Lehrman of Monroeville, IN, and Karen (Mrs. Dale) Bowman of Friedens, PA, and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Norma Guenin.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held Saturday, September 9, at the Bayview Pavilion, located in the Fairfax State Recreation Area on Lake Monroe. The family will receive friends 1:00-4:00 p.m., with service beginning at two o'clock. Cremation Rites have been accorded by Allen Funeral Home & Crematory. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Dearest Jan and family: Bob was one of a kind for sure. I so miss his incredible smile and welcoming wave as I pulled into the neighborhood here in Greenridge. He always had something silly to say and made me laugh. His presence is missed by many.

Julie Garman - August 31, 2017 at 10:01 AM

DH

“ Bob was our special friend when he lived in Harlan. We shared some fun times together. Our daughter, Kim, also remembers him showing her gymnastics moves and "being so nice to me." He had such a gentle soft nature whenever we were with him and we loved listening to his stories . Love and blessings to his family from Don and Marquita Hertig (who are still "plugging along" in Harlan.)

Don and Marquita Hertig - August 22, 2017 at 01:29 PM

LG

“ Dear Jan, Lee and your entire family, I am so very sorry for your loss. What a wonderful man. I have so many fond memories of Bob. He was so loving, kind, thoughtful and fun. He will always have a special place in my heart. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Linda Hobbs-Giffin

Linda Giffin - August 19, 2017 at 06:33 PM

BH

“ Brent Hutton lit a candle in memory of Robert C. "Bob" Miller



brent hutton - August 18, 2017 at 11:15 AM

TF

“ ‘Coach’ Miller was a great person in my life while I was in high school. He was such a positive person and influence. I remember my Freshman year he was an Assistant Basketball Coach and became our Varsity Golf Coach at Churubusco. The basketball season had just wrapped up and I asked him his plans for our golf team...He said "I am just going to stay out of this Varsity Teams way, drive the van and tell jokes to keep you relaxed!" He was so much more than that...he was the perfect Coach and motivator. He introduced fitness training to our golf team and was the first person in my life to emphasize nutrition on the course when playing by giving us bran muffins baked by Jan for mid round energy. I have missed his humor and story telling and am truly saddened by his passing. My sincere condolences to the family.

Tim Frazier

Tim Frazier - August 16, 2017 at 08:48 PM

JM

“ Not only was Bob the greatest teacher I ever had in school but he was a caring friend, who stayed in contact, motivating me, keeping me positive, always making me smile and laugh even through my hard times, and showing me the value and impact of what a great sense of humor can have on people throughout their journey of life! He will be sorely missed he was one AWESOME Dude and It was an honor to have known him and be his friend!! Jack McCoy

Jack Mccoy - August 16, 2017 at 12:17 PM

WA

“ My deepest sympathy to Jan and Bobs family. As a teacher Bob had the ability to reach all levels of kids show respect and help them succeed. I admired him and enjoyed his friendship.

william auker - August 16, 2017 at 08:33 AM

KG

“ I send my sympathy to Bob's family and to his sister Karen. We never forget the good times we had at your home. God Bless.

*Karen Gruenewald
Griffin, GA*

Karen (Girardot) Gruenewald - August 16, 2017 at 06:12 AM

TJ

“ Mr. Miller was my freshman basketball coach in 1985. We were a small school without much talent, but he never stopped coaching us or believing in our team. Little did i know he was teaching us more than basketball, he taught us how to be men and taught us life skills that i have passed on to my kids. My mother taught at the school also, and thought very highly of Bob. I was blessed to know coach, and know we will meet again someday! My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sincerely Tim Johnson Churubusco

Tim Johnson - August 15, 2017 at 08:15 PM

RS

“ I have many happy memories of playing basketball with, especially on the Hoagland 1958 basketball team. Our deepest sympathies are with Jan and his family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Roger and Barb Scheumann.

Roger Scheumann - August 15, 2017 at 07:45 PM

DP

“ Bob was a very special, sweet man. He always made you feel welcome with all his funny jokes and stories. He will be missed in the Eagle Pointe Community. Dave and Jeannie Pratt

Dave and Jeannie Pratt - August 15, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Robert C. "Bob" Miller.*



August 15, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ *Bob was always the essence of charm. He had a wink and a smile for every one who came his way. We shared many adventures from outings on Crooked Lake to hitting the links all around the State for great games of golf. I adopted him as my mentor and savored his wisdom and skills in so many areas. We'll miss him.*

John & Aileen Meier - August 14, 2017 at 07:37 PM