



Billy D. 'Poppi' Miller Sr.

September 5, 1939 - February 7, 2024

Just after a final lunch bell rang on February 7, 2024, Billy D. Miller Sr. passed away after a 12-year battle with diabetes at the Homestead Center in Sherman, Texas. Billy was born in Caddo, Oklahoma, but spent most of his adult life teaching middle school in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Married to his high school sweetheart, Charlene Trent Miller, for almost 65 years, Billy leaves behind a legacy of family, friends, and love. Billy earned his degree in Education from Southeastern University in Durant, Oklahoma and taught middle school for 32 years. Nothing made Billy happier than watching his students succeed and he will be forever remembered for driving the school bus.

Billy is preceded in death by his father, mother, brother, and sister, as well as his beloved daughter, Tracy.

Most commonly known to all as "Poppi", he is survived by his wife, Charlene, his (2) children, Billy "Dean" Jr and Michelle Miller (Leavenworth, KS); and Tomie and Laura Miller (Atoka, Ok); (10) grandchildren, Trent, Danielle, Christopher, Christian, Kathryn, Joe, Olivia, Grayson, Cheyenne, and Ryleigh, and (16) great-grandchildren, as well as (2) brothers-in-law, Clemmie and Joe Jerry Trent (Durant, OK), many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Not to be forgotten, a true American, and US Army veteran, Billy proudly

served his country. He was extremely proud of his children's military accomplishments. His greatest passions included fishing, hunting, gardening, and decorating the house for Christmas. There is not a body of water in Southeast Oklahoma that Billy has not dropped a fishing line! He was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge 91. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A public memorial service to honor "Poppi" will be held on Saturday, 10:00 AM on February 17th, 2024, at the Brown's Funeral Home in Durant, Oklahoma. All are invited to attend.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/9ZZ99MDHQHT5YZ73>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy D. 'Poppi' Miller Sr.*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - February 15, 2024 at 09:53 AM

DM

MR. MILLER My 1st IN CLASS MALE teacher, 6th gr Science teacher 1966. I remember thinking it was going an easy for me.(usually had decent grades) Then because I had done poor On a test Mr Miller had threatened me with a talk to my Dad about that one bad grade. Never I never let that happen. The very next test was on he Heart and Circulatory systems . I earned an A+ and Mr Miller had us do a a sketch of that, The Heart esp was so awesome to me. Mr Miller really helped to foster the love of science in me esp the HEART, WHO knew that about 18-20+ years later that the Lord would give me An oppurtunity To be 1 of the nurses on the 1st Oklahoma heart transplant and do the 1st heart Lung transplant. (I never set out to that type of work, I just knew that I wanted to be a nurse just hoping to pass state board. (With so many students, he may not have remembered me or any of this but I Did)

Sadly never got to To THANK HIM, share and talk to him as an Adult About that. Yes I really did think of him while working on those surgeries at the times and do also Thank his family for sharing This GREAT TEACHER With us in TISHOMINGO

Doris Duke Montoya - February 20, 2024 at 12:03 AM

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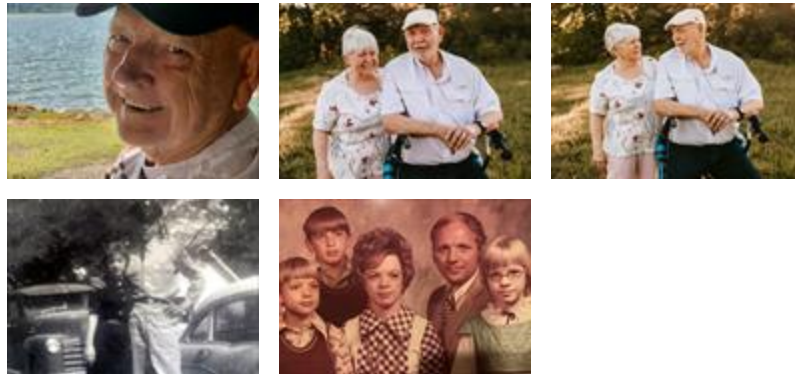
“ From Laura, Grayson, and Cheyenne purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Billy D. 'Poppi' Miller Sr..



From Laura, Grayson, and Cheyenne - February 15, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ 79 files added to the album *Gallery of Pictures*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - February 15, 2024 at 10:08 AM

KF

“ Kat's ER Family purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Billy D. 'Poppi' Miller Sr..



Kat's ER Family - February 15, 2024 at 09:43 AM

SP

“*Tomie, Laura, and the Miller family, sending condolences to everyone. So sad to read of your dads passing. My you be blessed with Gods unending love, lean on him when you need support, he will comfort you.*

Susan Pilgrim - February 12, 2024 at 09:41 PM

CH

My mother-in-law was a teacher and bus driver along with Mr Miller and they both loved to fish. His bus route was finished earlier than hers and she made the mistake of telling him where the crappie had been biting. She told us that when she finished her route and drove out to the lake with her boat, Mr Miller and several other teachers were in the middle of her spot, catching all the fish. She laughed about it but gave them all a hard time. She said she would've done the same. He was a wonderful teacher and also my kid's bus driver. One day when my son was in the first grade, he got off the bus without his sister (two years older). When I asked where she was he said he didn't know. I was frantic and started calling Mr Miller. There was no answer at his home. (no cell phones in 1983). As I was in the process of getting my son in the car to go up to the school, I heard my phone ring. It was Mr Miller letting me know when he parked the bus, he saw in his mirror a little black haired head pop up. My daughter fell asleep and her brother bother to wake her as he walked past her. Anyway, Mr Miller drove her back home in the bus. I wonder how many times in his career he had to go the extra mile. Probably too numerous to count. My prayers are with all the family for God to comfort them in the days ahead.

Carolyn & Rick Houser - February 12, 2024 at 11:51 PM

MS

Mr.Miller was my favorite middle school teacher. He was always there for his students on their good days and bad. He was such an awesome person. RIP Mr.Miller

Marlon Sullivan - February 13, 2024 at 04:26 PM