



Mitchell "Mitch" Miller

October 23, 1938 - April 22, 2018

REPUBLIC, MI. – Mitchell Miller, 79, of Republic, passed away peacefully Sunday evening, April 22, 2017 in his home on Witch Lake, surrounded by his family, close friends, and his favorite music.

Mitch was born on October 23, 1938 in Escanaba, MI to Michael and Ida Mae Gillespie-Miller, the 13th of 14 children. He was raised in Ralph and graduated from Felch High School in 1957. He attended DeVry University in Chicago IL. He met and married his best friend Arlene Sartori on November 24, 1958. Arlene and Mitch raised five children in Chicago IL and Kingsford, MI. Mitch worked as a TV Repairman at K & G Appliance in Iron Mountain, MI. That's how he knows everyone in town.

Mitch's musical talent began at a young age, when he taught himself to play the guitar. Since that time, he has played and sang at numerous bluegrass festivals, churches, and community gatherings throughout the area and the country. He also taught himself to play the banjo and the fiddle and shared his love of music with everyone he knew.

Mitch enjoyed fishing, golfing, gardening, wood carving, and cooking and baking pies for all of his family and friends. After retirement, Mitch and Arlene wintered in Florida for eight years and enjoyed spending time with all their beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren on their pontoon boat on Witch Lake.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Arlene; two daughters: Sandy (Fran) McArdle, Arlene (Mark) Mohr; three sons: Robert, William, and Thomas; 12 grandchildren: Bill, Steve, Katie (Wes), Jonathon, Theresa (Brian), Adam, Jessica, Kevin (Kira), Kenny, Anthony, Amber, and Brianna. He is also survived by one sister: Margaret (Robert) Johnson of Sagola, MI and one brother Jim (Margaret) of Iron Mountain, MI. Mitch had 12 great grandchildren who adored him: Trey, Taven, Kaylin, Naomi, Michael, Aiden, Jenna, Layla, Elaina, Awinita, Aden, and Rosemary.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six sisters: Gloria (Jim) Poquette, Blanche (Norm) Nelson, Gladys LaForrest, Ann (Frank) Buttacavoli, Liz (Lawrence) LaForrest, Inez (Douglas) Campbell; six brothers: Harold (Cheri), Fred (Alma), Rob, Tom, and Vernon.

The Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon (CST) at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The Funeral service will follow at 12 Noon(CST) at the funeral home. Sister Margey Schmelzle will officiate. The family will host a celebration of life luncheon at the Niagara Township Hall, W6889 US-8, Niagara, WI directly following the service. Please feel free to bring your instruments and all your best memories of Mitch!

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Mitch Miller online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

APR 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PR

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Will remember Mitch fondly. Had nice talks with him and Arlene when they came to Marquette. Saw him preform many times. He will be missed by all.
Dave & Pat Roberts

Patricia Roberts - April 30, 2018 at 02:43 PM

JK

“ Arlene,
Jim & I are very saddened of your loss and everyone's loss of a very sweet man. We had so many enjoyable times with him here at our carving classes. He always was so positive even when he had an airbrush blowout and suddenly there were big spots on his fish. He had a good nature and always had a twinkle in his eye. I know you shared a wonderful life with him. Thank you for sharing him with us. We are blessed to have known him. I know he is smiling in heaven too. Much love, Jim & Pam Krausman

Jim & Pam Krausman - April 30, 2018 at 01:20 AM

PO

“ Dear Arlene, so sorry to hear of Mitch' s passing. My prayers are with you and your family. He was quite the guy and will surely be missed by many! Thinking of you...
A long lost friend, Peggy Otto

Peggy Otto - April 28, 2018 at 07:10 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mitchell "Mitch" Miller.*



April 27, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *Communication Studies Dept, MSU, Mankato purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mitchell "Mitch" Miller.*



Communication Studies Dept, MSU, Mankato - April 27, 2018
at 09:23 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mitchell "Mitch" Miller.*



April 26, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ *So many great memories of this special man. He had the knack of making each person feel special. You truly felt loved. His love for his family knew no bounds, especially those grand babies!!! Loved the visits from Uncle Mitch & Auntie Arlene. Especially enjoyed sitting around the campfire with them up north when we went camping! Heaven has gained a truly special man. You will be missed. ❤️*

Sherry Kranz - April 26, 2018 at 09:51 AM

JW

“ There isn't enough room to share all the wonderful memories of Uncle Mitch! Such a talent in more ways than one! He could play so many instruments, could carve a piece of wood and make it look alive! He loved to sing and harmonize that true Kentucky sound! I know I'm forgetting things but the one thing that stood out about Uncle Mitch was the way he treated all his nieces and nephews! If you seen him every day he hugged you like he hadn't seen you in years! My favorit memory was of my fish fry and Uncle Mitch bringing his guitar or banjo and playing with my Dad and girlfriend for hours! Such a love of music! I know my whole family will miss him but I know he's singing with the Angels, and his brothers and sisters!

Jean Ann Whitney - April 26, 2018 at 09:48 AM

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“ Dawn Baldrige. (LaForest) lit a candle in memory of Mitchell "Mitch" Miller



Dawn Baldrige. (LaForest) - April 26, 2018 at 09:42 AM

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Condolences Aunt Arlene and family. Uncle Mitch will be remembered in our hearts always. Mom (Gladys) loved her little brother and I believe their having a celebration like no other..God Bless and comfort all of the family & friends in Jesus Name. Hugs

Dawn Baldrige. (LaForest) - April 26, 2018 at 09:54 AM

JU

“ *Judy lit a candle in memory of Mitchell "Mitch" Miller*



Judy - April 26, 2018 at 09:39 AM

JD

Oh for all the good memories,ill hold close to my heart with our daughter Doreen also...

judy Demerath - August 22, 2023 at 10:46 PM

AM

“ *Arlene Mohr lit a candle in memory of Mitchell "Mitch" Miller*



Arlene Mohr - April 26, 2018 at 09:30 AM

SK

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



Sherry Kranz - April 26, 2018 at 09:01 AM

P(

“ Patricia Winn (Campbell) lit a candle in memory of Mitchell "Mitch" Miller



Patricia Winn (Campbell) - April 26, 2018 at 12:31 AM

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“ So memories of Uncle Mitch, taking a greyhound bus with my sister up to see him before I moved to Florida. It was the last of many times I heard him sing and play and it was wonderful being with him and Aunt Arlene. He took us out on his boat, even though it was cold enough to snow, We all laughed as we froze. He was such a big part of my life, my mother Inez, was his sister.RIP and soar with the Angels, Uncle Mitch and watch over Aunt Arlene. Now your in Gods House

Patricia Winn (Campbell) - April 26, 2018 at 12:28 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mitchell "Mitch" Miller.



April 25, 2018 at 09:17 PM

CH

“ My Uncle Mitch will be do greatly missed by me and my husband Dennis. Aunt Arlene and family, God's arms are holding you close. I will miss that greatt smile, all the memories especially in our younger days when we were all together. Love you uncle Mitch and Arlene and family. Dennis and Cheryl

Cheryl Hult - April 25, 2018 at 09:07 PM

DP

“ Dear Arlene, Katie, and Bobby. My heart goes out to you from Arizona. God Bless and may you find comfort in knowing that Angels are singing Mitch to his rest; and I'm sure he is singing right along with them. What a wonderful person , friend, an artist. Hope to see you when I'm back in Channing. Loving hugs Duane

Duane Peck - April 25, 2018 at 04:51 PM

AF

“ Aline And Patrick Finlan lit a candle in memory of Mitchell "Mitch" Miller



Aline and Patrick Finlan - April 25, 2018 at 04:49 PM

AF

“ My husband , Pat and I have known Mitch and Arlene for a lot of wonderful years. We spend our summers living next door to them on Witch Lake. We have many wonderful memories there....one of my favorite...he used to stand on their deck on my birthday and play Happy Birthday and sing in that sweet voice of his. Thank you, Lord, for letting us know that wonderful man. We love you, Mitch..and we know you are singing with the angels now!!

Aline and Patrick Finlan - April 25, 2018 at 02:39 PM