



Robert M. "Bob" Miller

December 4, 1949 - December 4, 2011

Robert M. "Bob" Miller, 62, of Channing, passed away on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

Bob was born May 19, 1949 in Toledo, Ohio and was the son of the late Roman and Alice Miller. After graduating from high school, Bob entered the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War. He married the former Mary Naumes on February 14, 1980 in Iron Mountain and they have been residents of Channing since. Bob worked for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) as an electrician for many years. He was a member of St. Rose Church in Channing, the IBEW local 876 of Comstock Park, MI and American Legion Post 168 of Channing. Bob loved anything that involved the outdoors including, hunting, fishing, gardening and riding his ranger. He especially loved spending time with his grandsons and watching them play sports. Bob was known for his great sense of humor and kind heart. His daughter Becky donated a kidney to him and Bob joked he brought her into this world and he would take her out, one part at a time. Bob was also an avid Minnesota Vikings fan and always rode his Green Bay Packer friends hard.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Tara in 1995 and two sisters, Marcia and Patricia Miller and a brother, Luis Miller

Bob is survived by his wife, Mary; two daughters, Julie Miller of Channing and Becky Miller of Channing.; three brothers, Richard (Fran) Miller of Ottawa Lake, MI, Roman Jr. (Linda) Miller of Crivitz, WI and Tom Miller of Oregon; two sister, Cynthia Miller of Jacksonville, FL and Cherie (Don) Bayer of Minocqua, WI; two grandsons, Michael and Tanner Miller and two very special boys who called him grandpa, Logan and Garrett O'neil.

Visitation will be from 12:00 to 2:00pm on Thursday at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2:00pm at the funeral home. Fr. Augustine Jacob will officiate. Burial will be in the Channing Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established to help his family defray expenses.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Robert "Bob" Miller online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DN

“ *Mary, Becky, Julie & Boys we are so sorry for your loss.*

Debbie Rector & Family - Houghton, MI - Old neighbor - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *We are so sorry for your loss and want to express our deepest sympathy to all of you. You will all be in our prayers.*

Sabrina, Keith, Bryant, and Nick Gagnon - Hardwood, MI - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ZF

“ *well he was a great funny guy i always loved when he would always mess around with me and mike he will be missed alot i am so sorry for ur loss becky,mike,mary,and tanner*

zack - channing, MI - friend - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Brother Bob...

Where do I begin. Since we were kids we harassed one another, teased each other, but yet you knew I loved my big brother.

We became closer again in the past few years, and it was such a joy talking to you, yelling at you, laughing with you. Yet what many dont know, is the high IQ you had, and could out brain us all on anything. Many people probably didnt see that side of you. Most of the comments I get about you from your friends were you were a cool guy, lots of fun, always made them laugh. And thats how I felt about you also. Even if you told me the dumbest jokes over and over. I always laughed. The past few and more years I know you have gone through alot, and that you had to give up alot that you like to do. I am so sorry for all the pain you had to endure, all the things you had to give up, and the concern you had for your family. Besides being siblings we had the Vikings in common. And boy did we take the razzing. But I was so glad to be able to talk and joke about them with you. I will miss all your silly phone calls, and also all the serious talks we had. Your wife and daughters know that they can call me whenever, and I will try to be there for them as much as I can. I will keep all our memories of growing up together in Ottawa Lake close in my heart.

You are out of pain now bob, and that must be so wonderful for you. Free of all the complications. You are with the Lord now and some of your family, laughing , telling jokes, and probably lineing up hunting trips and fishing explorations. I will miss you, and I will always love you.

*With love,
your sister,
Cherie*

Cherie (Miller) Bayer - Minocqua, WI - Sister - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *My sincere sympathy to the family at this difficult time.*

David Naumes - Grand Rapids, MI - Brother-in-law - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Bob,
I wish I had seen you in the last few years to laugh and talk to you. I remember fishing out at the Lake Gogebic house with Cherie and you joking with us. Later years when we happened to cross paths, you always had good jokes and funny stories to tell. I think you inherited that from your Dad. Everyone you met has fond memories of you and your ability to make people laugh. I won't ever forget you and my sympathies go out to your family for their loss. Rest in peace my friend. Say hi to all we know up there.*
Cheryl

Cheryl Ryskey Bouvette - Friend - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Mary you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers*
Joyce Grim

Joyce Grim - pittsburgh , OH - friend - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Well, Hillbilly-where do I begin. When I first met Becky and heard stories about her Dad I was terrified of you..that is until you came over with fireworks. After that night I knew you were some special guy. The kids adored you and loved to see you just to hear you call them hillbilly or them call you hillbilly. Littleleague games at the Channing field will not be the same but we know you watching down and will continue to cheer. Mary, Becky, Mike, and Tanner- we are here for you with whatever you need. We are sorry for your loss and continue to pray for your strength.
Love you all,
Jessica

Jessica Schultz - Sagola - Friend - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Hugs and love and my sincere sympathy go out to you Mary and your family. Heaven now has another angel to watch over all of us.

Barbara Smentek - Palatine, IL - friend - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Mary,

May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead. Saying many prayers for you dear friend. I'll always be an ear for you so anytime you want to talk, just do it.

Love and hugs to you all.

Kathy

Sidekick/Kathy - Henderson, NV - Mary's friend - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I am so very sorry to learn of your loss. They say that time heals all wounds and this is true. Hold on to each other and cherish the memories. My prayers and thoughts are with each of you.

Betty Skolasky - Branchville, SC - FB friend - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ John and I are so sorry for your loss. May you be comforted by your memories.

John and Jan Naumes - St. Louis, MI - Cousin - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Bobby, I ask God for endless Blessings for your wife Mary and your children; I ask that he comforts them and gives them strenght for now and in the days to come. Rest in peace, my brother, and may God be with you now and forever. Always, you will be in my heart.

Cynthia Miller - Jacksonville, FL - Sister - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Dear Becky, Mary, Julie and boys,
I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you's in my prayers.

Amy Mattson - Iron Mtn, MI - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I miss you Daddy, not a day goes by that I wish I didnt have one more day to hang out with you, go hunting with you, fishing, or go riding in the 4 wheeler, I don't know what I am going to do without my Dad.... You meant the world to me, and I will always be your little girl! I know I am going to miss all the goofy, funny stuff you always said and did. The boys all will miss you so much, you were not only my dad but just like a dad to Mike and Tanner too. I know you are watching over us and telling us everything will be ok and we will make it through this, just like how you made it through so much. I will do my best and everything in my power to take care of Mom, and the boys. Its going to be hard, but I will do my best. I will miss all your calls, you always called me like everyday and usually at night to, even just to tell me goodnight and you loved me, I will miss you always calling me your little princess, and always making me laugh! I am thankful for so many things though, I am thankful for all the memories I have of you and all the funny stories that will always make me smile. I am also thankful that I got to be with you in your final minutes here on earth, I am thankful that I got to be by your side through this all, and was there holding you hand when God called you home. It helps me some to know that you are no longer suffering and no longer in pain. As I sit here crying, wanting you back, I know you are watching over me and telling me dont cry it will be ok, like you told me about a lot of things. I spent those last few days right by your side, I couldn't stand to see you suffer and be in so much pain, and know there was nothing I could do to fix you or make you feel better. I know I promised you that you would get better and be able to go home and have that cigarette you were craving, but I knew you exactly why you wanted to go home, I just had a feeling, I could hear it in your voice and see it in your eyes. You told me you thought you were going to see heaven soon, yet all I thought was my daddy is a strong guy who always gets better no matter how sick he is.... so I guess I expected you to just get better and be able to come home in a few days. I told you everything I needed to tell you before you passed away, I dont know if you could hear me or not, but I still spoke the words I felt that I needed to say. You fought long and hard, and tried to give me as much time with

you as possible I know that's why you kept holding on, I know you said you were scared to die, but you will be ok now in heaven no more pain and suffering. As I sat there holding your hand telling you how much I loved you and wanted you to get better, my heart ached for you..... I held your hand right up until the last second you were alive, I heard everything beep it was then that I knew you were at peace, I leaned over gave you a few last hugs and kisses held your hand and said Dad don't worry I got this, I will take care of everything, I don't know how but I will for you! R.I.P. Daddy I will miss you and love you forever and a day! xoxo

Becky Miller - Channing, MI - Daughter - December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Even though he was a Vikings fan, he was ok! Just kidding, I will miss him coming into the store and razzing me about being a Packer fan or about anything else he felt like razzing me about..I spent time there when I was younger when Tara was alive, he was always good to me when I was there. Mary, Becky, Mike and Tanner, I am very sorry for your loss.. Please don't hesitate to call me if you need anything..... Prayers for you all.....*

Amy Smith - Channing - friend - December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *I know it is hard to lose someone close to you. The only advice that I can give you is to keep the memories alive and remember all the good times.*

*Love your friend,
Sherrie Strandt*

Sherrie Strandt - Escanaba, MI - Friend of Becky's - December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM