



William "Joe" Miller

May 22, 1937 - January 3, 2016

William "Joe" Miller, age 78, died January 3, 2016. Born May 22, 1937 in Mansfield, Ohio. Retired Firefighter from the City of Sterling Heights. Beloved husband of Donna M. Dear father of Christopher (Renee) and Sandra Zdanowicz. Grandfather of Ashley, Adam and Alex Zdanowicz. Great Grandfather of Aiden. Brother of Donald (Phyllis) Miller. Family will receive friends Friday from 1:00 until 9:00 p.m with a Fire Fighters Pass and Review at 7:00 p.m. at the Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd.(3 Blks East of VanDyke on the north side) Utica. Funeral Services on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Contributions appreciated to the family. Please share a memory with the family at www.sullivanfuneralfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Christian Memorial Cemetery

521 E. Hamlin Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
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Fire Fighters Pass & Review

JAN 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William "Joe" Miller.*



January 08, 2016 at 10:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Joe" Miller.*



January 07, 2016 at 01:09 PM



“ *The Lemonade Gang purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of William "Joe" Miller.*



The Lemonade Gang - January 07, 2016 at 12:18 PM

PB

“ Dear Aunt Donna, Chris, Sandy,

I am saddened to learn of Uncle Joe's passing. My heartfelt condolences go out to all of you.



He was always so good to me and to all of our family. I have so many great memories of him, his story telling and sense of humor, and how proud he was of being a Fire Fighter and of his fire truck, our family times together... That ride he gave me on his Honda 750 when I was a boy was a blast!

He will always be our Uncle Joe. I will miss him, pray for him and always remember him!

My thoughts and prayers are with you and all the Miller family.

God bless you,

Love, Peter

Peter Backus - January 07, 2016 at 10:24 AM

WT

“ To Donna & Family:

*We missed Joe at the St. Thomas Fire Muster
Joe is at peace and we know you will see Joe again
Sincerely
Bill and Marie Turvey
St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada*

William E Turvey - January 05, 2016 at 07:22 PM

LD

“ Donna and family, I am was so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. My deepest sympathies to you all.
Grief never ends...but it changes
It's a passage, not a place to stay
Grief if not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith...
It is the price of love.

Linda DiAntonio - January 05, 2016 at 04:30 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of William "Joe" Miller.



January 05, 2016 at 02:18 PM

TK

“ I'm really going to miss you Uncle Joe you were such a big part of our family and you were always full of stories. We laughed and joked about a lot of things and you always had to tell me a dirty joke lol you were the only one to call me Terrance and not Terri and the only one I would let call me that. I remember when you took me down south with you guys we had such a great time and all the Christmas Eve dinners we had together I was glad I got to spend time with you and get your lunch for you and sit and talk you were such a big part of our life's and will never forget it we will miss you but never forget you and we will take care of Aunt Donna and the family for you too we will see you again someday and I'm sure you will have a dirty joke for me I'm glad you are not in pain anymore and your heart is new again our hearts are hurting right now but in time they will be whole again love you lots Uncle Joe your niece Terri or Terrance❤️

Terri Kelm - January 04, 2016 at 08:40 PM

DR

“ We are very sorry to hear of Joe's passing !
Joe has been a very special friend of the
Canadian people in his support of the
St. Thomas Fire Muster !! He was with us in
the beginning and will always be in our
memory, Rest in peace Brother JOE !



*Dave & Nan Rock (Rocky)
St. Thomas, Ontario, CANADA*

Dave Rock - January 04, 2016 at 08:35 PM

JD

“ We send our sincere condolences to you
Donna & your Family.



Jerry & Arlene DeGrace - January 04, 2016 at 08:03 PM

 Sandie
Miller

“ He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandpa. He was my dad or daddy if I wanted something. He taught us to be independent, sometimes teaching with a swat across the butt. He made use laugh and cry. I remember the day I was getting married he asked if this is what I really want to do if not we will have one hell of a party that's paid for. When he became a grandfather for the first time when Ashley was born he was proud, then he got his fire truck buddy Adam. He and Adam went all over the states to pick up fire trucks, he taught Adam everything he knows about fire trucks. Then Alex came along and grandpa didn't know what to do with him, he wasn't into the fire trucks like Adam, but grandpa loved his just as much and Alex the loving son that he is helped take care of him the last few months when grandma needed him. I think the most wonderful thing that ever could happen to dad was when Adam had his son and dad became a great grandpa. Dad always said he did two things his father didn't he lived past 59 and he got to see his great grandchild. I will miss this man we called husband, dad, grandpa and great grandpa. His smile could light up a room and his laugh could warm up your heart. Rest peacefully daddy someday we will see each other, say hi to grandma and grandpa. Watch over us all. I love you.

*Your little girl
Sandie*



Sandie Miller - January 04, 2016 at 07:56 PM

CO

“ Donna Joe was a great guy .I still remember going to Wisconsin to get a fire truck Springfield Township had bought from Joe . Joe was driving so fast around the traffic in Chicago and cursing every one else out saying if they couldn't drive get off the road.Will miss him and considered him a great friend Charlie Oaks retired Springfield Township fire chief

Charles oaks - January 04, 2016 at 07:46 PM

JB

“ Jerry Baker
I am going to miss you Joe,we traveled many roads together both rough and smooth,I am going to miss you Joe,we talked about many people both good and bad we yelled and whispered many curse words together,I am going to miss you Joe,you were my go to guy whenever I needed help and I was your go to guy whenever you needed a ride home from the hospital or a ride to the doctor, I am going to miss you Joe. I will never forget bringing that old lattertruck back from Orlando Florida we put down a hell of a lot of diesel smoke going through the mountains,but it was fun getting over 60 MPH going downhill and then back to 50 on the level, I am going to miss you Joe. You were a friend to many and a good friend to many more and a close friend of a few and I feel honored to feel that I was one of the close ones.
I Am Going To Miss You JOE MILLER

Jerry Baker - January 04, 2016 at 05:12 PM

TM

“ We had great memories in our days back at Greenfield Village for 19 years. Please accept our deepest sympathies and prayers for Joe and the family during this difficult time. Ted and Cathy Main

Ted Main - January 04, 2016 at 05:01 PM

MW

“ Joe was a great friend of Fire Muster Days. We will miss his friendship. Thank you for your service!

*Mark Walters, Platoon Chief
St. Thomas Fire Department*

Mark Walters - January 04, 2016 at 03:55 PM

JH

“ To Donna & Family. We were very happy to know Joe through the fire truck clubs and enjoyed many good times with Joe both in the USA and over here in Canada. A great person to have known. You have our deepest sympathy.

John and Loretta Hendrie

John F. Hendrie - January 04, 2016 at 03:53 PM