



Willard "Junior" Miller

July 9, 1937 - January 18, 2020

Mr. Willard D. "Junior" Miller, 82, passed away on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the Maple Grove Lodge Nursing Home in Louisiana, MO. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO. The Rev. Robert Hutsell will officiate. Burial with military honors will be held at the MO Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, MO. Visitation will be from 10:00 A.M. until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Junior was born on July 9, 1937 in New London, MO to Willard Daniel Miller, Sr. and Ada Opal Wright Miller. He was married to Jean Ann Brown on January 8, 1969 in Clarksville, MO and she survives.

He is survived by his wife Jean Miller of Bowling Green, MO, 4 sons, Daniel Miller (Sonya) of St. Charles, MO, Jonathan Miller (Heidi) of Louisiana, MO, Chris Miller (Crystal) of Kentucky, and Owen D. Miller (Mary) of Louisiana, MO, 2 daughters, Debbie Francis (Randy) of Hannibal, MO, and Jennifer Lindsey (Josh) of Silex, MO, 27 Grandchildren, numerous Great Grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sons, Jimmy Miller and Willy Miller, and 7 siblings.

Junior had lived most of his life in Louisiana, MO. He was Baptist by Faith. He was a veteran serving in the US Army. Music was a passion of his life. He spent a lot of time working on and playing his guitars. He enjoyed listening to his favorite records as well as playing and singing songs for his family and many others over the years. He was talented also as a mechanic, able to fix and work on many other things. He was employed with Sutton and Sons Services for several years and retired in 1999. He most of all, loved spending time with his grandchildren and family.

Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association or to the Donor's Choice in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery

MO Veterans Cemetery

1479 Co. Rd. 1675

Jacksonville, MO, 65260

Events

JAN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.

117 Barnard Dr, Louisiana, MO, US, 63353

JAN **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Macell Miller and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willard "Junior" Miller.



Macell Miller and Family - January 21 at 03:24 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Willard "Junior" Miller.



January 21 at 10:48 AM



“ Spent lots of good times with Uncle Junior growing up and I loved him very much. I am so thankful I got time to see him while he was in the hospital. Am going to miss him.

Delores Krankka

Delores Krankka - January 21 at 10:29 AM



“ My Father Lowell J Wright was Jrs uncle, I hadn't seen Jr since my Fathers funeral 7 yrs ago. I shared this story on FB earlier of how as a very young man jr came to help our family out in a time of crisis.

Circa 1956 I contracted the German measles, as I recovered the rest of my family all came down with the measles and in those days you were told to stay in a dark room or your vision could be affected.

Jr came and stayed in our Grand mother Wright's house near Frankford near our home.

It was my job to go down and wake him up so he could come eat breakfast then He would do the milking of about six or eight cows along with any thing else that need done.

I know as a family his help was greatly appreciated.



“ Playing music with Junior and Bill Jones at Calvary Gospel in Summer Hill was a real treat in the 80's. We always were curious about how eager he was to dig ginsing on our place. We considered him family.

David Land - January 21 at 01:26 AM



“ He was the Best Uncle..Had alot of Road trips with him...he would take me with ..Remember Uncle Jr . taking me fall creek to play with skidroy hedgpeth and the band..from there went to Jam session battle of bands in Qunicy I was maybe 15 Or 16. Made feel very special.. Uncle Jr. Was always checking up on me...that laugh was like nobody else



Faith(Jennings) McAfee - January 20 at 09:04 PM



“ Uncle Junior was very talented in playing guitar and singing. He could have been a Country Music Star from the way he could play guitar and sing but he chose to be with his wife and kids , he did not want to be away from them. He was self taught and played instruments by ear . He has a wonderful family that fully supported him. All of his nieces and nephews love him and will never forget him . He will be missed . I am his neice Shirley Frazier . My Love and prayers go out to all of you.

Shirley Frazier - January 20 at 08:58 PM



“ Junior always had a gig lined up for Saturday night. On his home going night he kept a divine appointment. We were all blessed. We are still blessed with his memory. Junior played with Elvis, with Chey Atkin's and his brother.

Sandie Shelton - January 20 at 09:29 PM



“ Uncle Junior was a great Uncle who we will all miss. Loved it when we were able to see him at all family reunions and so enjoyed singing along with all the family at those events . We loved him very much..

Janice Gordon - January 20 at 08:49 PM



“ He was so loving. Played the guitar like it was nothing. He enjoyed the music. Never was a dull moment with him. Love you Grandpa. Missing you!!!

Chelsea Miller - January 20 at 07:47 PM



“ Mel and Shirley Wilson and Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Willard "Junior" Miller.



Mel and Shirley Wilson and Family - January 20 at 07:46 PM