



Rick D. Miller

January 13, 1956 - November 12, 2020

You may join the family via livestream at <https://my.gather.app/remember/rick-miller>

Rick D. Miller, 64, of Ankeny, IA (formerly of Ottumwa) died of COVID-19 at 4:46 a.m. November 12, 2020 at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines.

Rick was born in Ottumwa to George Dean and Dixie (Short) Miller. Rick grew up mainly in Ottumwa, Iowa, but had also lived in Rock Island, IL, and Wichita, KS. After graduating from Ottumwa High School in 1974, he attended Central College. He returned home to marry his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Susan Knight, on July 12, 1975. This union was blessed with two daughters: Amanda and Angela.

Rick's career as a salesman began early in life. At the age of 7 he was sweeping sidewalks and selling flowers, and as a Boy Scout in Rock Island he could single-handedly out sell all the other Scouts combined. This led to a lifelong career in sales. He was a natural salesman, team leader, and manager for Mid-States Supply Company for the majority of his career. He enjoyed meeting new people and traveling the world with his business. Most recently he had worked for Ferguson Enterprises.

Everyone who knew Rick loved his sense of humor and good-hearted nature. He had a laugh and smile that could fill up a room. He was an avid sports fan, holding Iowa Hawkeye Football season tickets for years. He cheered for the Wichita State Shockers, Chicago Cubs, and the Kansas City Chiefs and shared this love with friends and family. Many people saw their first live Hawkeye game of Chiefs game because of Rick's generosity.

More than anything Rick worked, played, and lived for his family. He loved his wife Susan for more than 45 years, and took care of her as they grew up together. He was also the oldest and best looking of the Miller clan, and he beamed with pride when introducing himself in such a manner. But nothing gave him more joy than his three grandchildren. He would drive from practice to practice and game to game just to catch a few moments of

them playing. His family was his life and his Legacy.

Surviving is his wife, Susan; daughters: Amanda (Chris) Mein of Ankeny, and Angela (Will) Collum of Ankeny; grandchildren: Kristin, Adam, and Mackenzie; eight siblings: Dirk (Lori) Miller of Urbandale, Chris (Ann) Miller of Milan, Jeff (Lori) Miller of Ottumwa, Tony (Tresa) Miller of Ottumwa, Theresa Buckingham of Bondurant, Jerry (Sara) Miller of Ottumwa, Sam (Julie) Miller of Cedar Falls, Charley (Kris) Miller of Ankeny, and; numerous nieces and nephews, and more friends than we can name.

Preceding him in death were his parents: George Dean and Dixie Miller.

Rick was one of the most selfless men to ever walk this earth, and should be remembered for his kindness, humility, and faith.

Due to COVID-19, private family services will be held Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ankeny.

Rick came from humble beginnings, so in lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Food Pantry at 517 SW Des Moines Street in Ankeny, IA 50023.

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Ouellette, Pierschbacher, Thomas Funeral & Cremation Care - November 16, 2020 at 01:31 AM



“ A webcast video has been added.



Ouellette, Pierschbacher, Thomas Funeral & Cremation Care - November 13, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Rick was an important part of my life as Angie and I played softball together for several years. He was one of our biggest fans no matter what happened on the field. His voice and laugh were so prominent and could be heard for miles. Rick, you will be missed! Sue, Amanda, Angie, Chris, Will, Kristin, Adam and McKenzie you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Abby Buster-Freerksen - November 20, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ What a beautiful ceremony! Angela did an amazing job talking about her father. And Angela, you are right...the world needs more people like your father! You are all in our thoughts and prayers and we will always remember your father's kindness, bright smile and love for your mother. With loving thoughts of your father, Christy Wycoff and Luke Boyd.

Christy Wycoff - November 17, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ Susan, Amanda, Angela and family. I am so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. I've had the pleasure of working with Rick the past couple years at a power plant in Clear Lake. It was such a blessing to see his smile and hear his laugh as well as, take note to his stories he told. I liked the one particularly about him falling into a net at 45 feet. He laughed about it like it was no big deal! Appeared to always living life to the fullest!
My deepest condolences to all of you and may you find peace and joy in the memories you all have shared.
God Bless!

Kathy - November 17, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ We met Rick through work and admired his work ethic and integrity! That relationship developed into a friendship and love for our football rivalry - Iowa vs U of M attending games with our families both there and in Michigan. Those memories are precious!
He will be greatly missed!

Rick and Jan - November 17, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ i am so sorry for your loss Miller family
i enjoyed knowing Rick and working with Rick
He was a good man and will be missed

jerry miller

jerry miller - November 16, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rick D. Miller.



November 16, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ Scott Miller purchased the Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul...' for the family of Rick D. Miller.



Scott Miller - November 16, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ As I see it has been stated several times already, God has claimed a great individual! I could not have asked for better people to work with over the years than Rick & Sue. My prayers & thoughts go out to Sue & the family.

Scott Miller

Scott Miller - November 16, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rick D. Miller.



November 16, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ Our company, TLV, had a long relationship with Rick when he was at Midco and he was so wonderful to work with together. So many people were fortunate to be able to work with him. Please know that he has a very high place in our thoughts for how he contributed to industry to make things better for his customers. We are all so very sorry to learn of his untimely passing and for Susan, his children, and all of your family, please accept our deepest condolences and sympathy.

Sincerely,
Jim Risko

Jim Risko - November 16, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rick D. Miller.



Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors - November 16, 2020 at 09:10 AM



“ Just unbelievable!! Can't say enough what Rick did for my daughter and I, treating us like his family and even after the MIDCO years continued to check in and see how my daughter was doing. Too many memories to type, but they will not be forgot!!!! Our condolences to the Miller family our thoughts and prayers are with you!!!!

Brian - November 15, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ I was shocked when I read in today's paper of the death of this young man. God has certainly received a good man. I worked with Rick at Midco Supply in DesMoines he was a wonderful man. God be with the family as you go through this time of sorrow

Jean A. Miles, (Graham)

Jean Miles - November 15, 2020 at 08:00 AM



“ Heartbreaking is such an understatement for the feeling of loss of a guy that was larger than life. Meeting Rick while I was in high school and getting to experience this person who was so intense with love - big hugs, big laughs, big expressions of gratitude, completely inclusive, quick with the "I love yous", so much protection and adoration for Sue and his girls and I could go on and on, gave me such an appreciation for how "it's supposed to be". He was an example of the family man that little girls and a wonderful wife deserve. I'm so sorry but am so blessed that our paths crossed. God knew what He was doing when he made Rick Miller. My heart goes out to Sue, Angie and Amanda and the rest of the family. Love you.

Angie Nash - November 15, 2020 at 12:06 AM



“ Many thoughts of love are with Sue and her family. Rick was an amazing person who showed unfailing kindness and sincerity. He always had a smile to give and as he would depart he would leave you with his good energy.. I'm very much grateful for the opportunity I had to be a part of Rick and Sue's many afternoons at “table 217”...love you both

Elizabeth Sadiq - November 14, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rick D. Miller.



November 13, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ Angie, Will, and McKenzie, I pray you feel the Lord's loving arms around you as you go thru this great loss during your time of grieving. I've always heard so many wonderful things about your Dad over the years and how much he loved his family and the love you all had for him. Prayers for peace and comfort for all your family and all those that loved Rick. Pat Palmer Cosby, Germantown, Tn



Pat Palmer Cosby - November 13, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to your entire family. I met Rick through you, Sue, when we moved to Ankeny in 1997 and you were our realtor. You drove me and baby Rachael around town looking at houses. Such a great memory for me. I know from our occasional encounters around town just how much Rick loved his family. May Rick truly Rest In Peace in the warm embrace of our Heavenly Father and May all who loved him feel the peace of Christ through the prayers offered on your behalf. Love and hugs to you all.

Dawn and Andy Martin

Dawn Martin - November 14, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ Sue, Amanda and Angie, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Rick was such a dear man and will be missed deeply. The last time I saw him is when Dan and Julie were in town last August. If you remember most of us met at the Outside Scoop for some ice cream. As always Rick had his smile on. I'll cherish the memories. My love to you all.

Marci Malott - November 13, 2020 at 03:53 PM