



Mr. John Ernest Miller Sr.

May 26, 1926 - July 8, 2020

John Ernest Miller, Sr., a resident of Willow Springs, passed away early Wednesday, July 8, 2020, while at his home. John was born May 26, 1926 in Bloomsburg, PA to Harvey Earl and Edith Irene (Andy) Miller and was 94 years old.

John grew up in Pomona, Willow Springs, and St. Louis. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in October 1944 and was an infantryman until he was honorably discharged. He then re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and served until he retired in August of 1969. John proudly served his country at several locations which included Texas, Illinois, Arkansas, Alaska, Germany and Vietnam. He was a Transportation Supervisor and served during World War II, the Philippines Campaign under General Douglas MacArthur, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. John also received several high-ranking medals, accommodations, and awards while serving his country. After his retirement from the Air Force, John was employed at the Willow Walnut Trophy Plant for 15 years and worked his way up to manager. John was well known and actively served the community by delivering Meals on Wheels and received a 10-year award for his dedication and commitment. In his younger years, he enjoyed fishing and hunting. He also liked to play golf, playing cards, reading, and caring for his little dogs. He married Millie Aldrich on November 5, 2015 in Willow Springs.

He will be dearly missed by his family, his friends, and all who knew him. John is preceded in death by his parents; wife Margie; wife Lois; sons: John E. Miller, Jr., Jerry Miller, and Steven Miller; daughters: Debbie and Sherry; sisters, Mildred and Mary; and brothers: James, Gerald, and Harvey, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Millie; his son David Miller and his wife, Sandra of Plato, MO; fifteen grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

A graveside service for John E. Miller, Sr. will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at Willow Springs City Cemetery with Pastor David Lovan officiating with full military honors. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Online condolences may be left at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Graveside Funeral Service

JUL 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Willow Springs City Cemetery
State Rte DD
Willow Springs, MO 65793

Tribute Wall

HJ

“ *Wish I would have known you. Its weird growing up and not know the other half of your family. I also wondered what you were like. Reading about all your wonderful accomplishment makes me feel like I got to know a little bit about the Miller side of my family. Love your granddaughter Heather!* ”

Heather Johnson - July 15, 2020 at 01:37 PM

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“ *He will be missed. He was a sweet man.* ”

Pam Colley - July 15, 2020 at 10:32 AM

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“ *You will be missed Uncle John. Enjoyed the time we spent playing poker, (not so much when you kept winning all the nickels!) Lol! Enjoyed having family Bbq,get togethers at your brother Jerry's, down the street. Loved your cooking,better than mine, lol! Enjoyed you sharing some of your past in the military with us. The Butler family.* ”

Alisa Butler - July 14, 2020 at 11:33 PM

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“ *Mike & Tanya Kittrell purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr. John Ernest Miller Sr..* ”



Mike & Tanya Kittrell - July 14, 2020 at 12:39 PM