



Jack H. Miller Jr.

November 8, 1949 - May 14, 2021

BARTONVILLE- Jack H. Miller, Jr., 71, of Bartonville passed away on Friday, May 14, 2021 at home.

He was born on November 8, 1949 in Peoria to Jack H. and Mary Ellen (Abel) Miller Sr.

He married Deborah Johnston on April 29, 1972 in Peoria. She survives.

Also surviving are his two children, Cortlin (Shane) Meadows of Peoria and Curtis (Jackye) Miller of East Peoria; six grandchildren, Jessica Banks, Jaime Elkins, Madisyn Meadows, Tristyn Meadows, Kirstyn Miller and Jaxson Miller; three great-granddaughters, Mia, Esther and London; four great-grandsons, Brayden, Sebastian, Asher and Kyson; one great-grandchild on the way; one sister, Linda Lochbaum of Princeville; one sister in law, Rhonda (Jim) Hall of Lockport, IL; one brother in law, Archie (Debbie) Johnston of Claypool, IN; and many nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; and brother in law, Denny Lochbaum.

After serving in the United States Marine Corps, Jack worked at Caterpillar for 30 years as an engine tester. Jack retired from Cat in 2002 and started

enjoying his winters in Florida with Debbie. Jack was an avid sports fan and loved to watch (and argue about) the Cubs and Bears. Through the years, Jack bowled, played softball, but most often enjoyed golf. Jack was also a proud member of the Peoria Elk's Club, American Legion, and the VFW. For close to 30 years, Jack has lived with cancer. He dealt with multiple rounds of chemotherapy, radiation, and surgeries, but seemingly was indestructible. Through his fight with cancer, Jack was an incredible example of work ethic, toughness, and strength. Jack would often say that cancer would not kill him, and he was proven correct. Ultimately, his heart gave out and he passed peacefully. If you were lucky enough to know Jack, you had a loyal friend for life.

The family would like to thank the incredible medical staffs that have supported Jack, specifically, Dr. Williamson at the VA and Dr. Le-Lindqwister at the Illinois Cancer Center. We would also like to thank Dr. James Bauer and Dr. John Kugler, whom both had role in Jack's life. We'd also like to thank the member's of the Elk's Club that led to so many friendships. There are so many people to thank for the thoughts and prayers from the last few days.

Per his wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. A memorial visitation will be held on Friday, May 21, 2021 from 1-3 p.m. at Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services, 1625 W. Candletree Dr. Suite D, Peoria, IL 61614. A celebration of life will be held also on Friday, May 21, 2021 starting at 5 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 1 Elks Dr., Peoria, IL 61604.

Memorial contributions may be made to Illinois CancerCare Foundation and/or the Bartonville Fire Department.

Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements and condolences may be left at www.schmidthaller.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services

1625 W Candletree Drive Suite D

Peoria, IL 61614

(309) 699-7208

Celebration of Life Gathering

MAY 21. 5:00 PM (CT)

Elks Lodge

1 Elks Dr.

Peoria, IL 61604

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Jack H. Miller Jr.*

Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services - August 13, 2024 at 01:19 PM

RB

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Jack and his entire family. Very sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I worked with Jack, off and on, for years, at Cat, in Mossville. At one time, I was Jack's helper, in the test cells, when he was an engine tester. Jack was a great guy and coworker! Always enjoyed being around Jack, because I knew it would be a good time. I know Jack had a lot of friends because of his outgoing personality! He was definitely one of the "Good Guys!" R.I.P. Jack. You will be missed! Respectfully, Rick Bohm*

Rick Bohm - May 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jack H. Miller Jr.*

Country Basket Blooms - May 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack H. Miller Jr.*

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum - May 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jack H. Miller Jr..* ”

Medium Dish Garden - May 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Matt, Dawn, Sydney and Jacob Lochbaum purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack H. Miller Jr..* ”

Matt, Dawn, Sydney and Jacob Lochbaum - May 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Debbie and family, Please know how fond Jack was to me and Mike. No matter what, he always had that smile. Prayers for you.* ”

Julie Leonard - May 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Debbie and family....I'm so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Praying for peace and comfort for all of you.* ”

Debbie Rummel Luke - May 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *RIP Jack* ”

Stonee - May 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *R.I.P. Jackie* ”

dave willis - May 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Linda lochbaum purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jack H. Miller Jr..

linda lochbaum - May 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I'll remember the good times at the Elks Club with Jack. May he rest in peace.

Duane Demmin - May 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Semper Fi brother... You fought the good fight RIP

Mike Crompton - May 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Remember the good days with Jack, he was a great guy who I will miss ! Sorry that I can not make the Elks Friday but will be out of town and thing of him and your family !

Tom O'Neill - May 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Prayers to his children and grandchildren and his Sister In Law Theresa Hess

Linda Pitzer - May 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ RIP Jack. You fought a hard battle for many years. You were a great example to Rick , that never give up. It's a comfort to know that cancer did not get you! You and Rick can now argue over the BEARS and bowling. Give him a hug from me. Deb I'm so sorry for your loss. It's so hard but you were there all the way. My condolences to you and your family. Stay strong, cherish all the memories and enjoy life with all those grand babies. They are the ones that make life worth while and bring so much joy! God bless your family. ”

Diane Bentley - May 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM