



Gerald "Jerry" Miller

July 12, 1941 - April 16, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Gerald "Jerry" Miller

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – ANNA

135 West Vienna Street, Anna, Illinois

Gerald "Jerry" Miller, age 83, of Anna, passed away on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at Deaconess Illinois Medical Center in Marion, Illinois.

Jerry was born on July 12, 1941 to Sidney Gerald, Sr. and Ruby B. (Farris) Miller in Olive Branch, Illinois. On September 1, 1962, he married Dixie Sheffer and they have spent over 62 years together and she survives.

He started out in Olive Branch teaching and farming. Jerry was a 1959 graduate of Tamms High School where he enjoyed playing basketball, baseball, and the trombone in the band. He earned his Master's Degree in Education from Southeast Missouri State University. He then moved to Anna where he taught Science and Social Studies for 32 years at Anna District 37 and retiring in 1994. Mr. Miller was famous for his hand painted wall size Map

of The World. Several generations of local families still enjoy the memories of those weekly tests. He also enjoyed many years as the Official Basketball Score Keeper for the Anna Indians. He was a member of Anna Heights Baptist Church and the Illinois Education Association. Camping and spending time with his family and friends was a continuous joy of his life. A quick wit, a friendly smile, and an outgoing personality allowed him to never meet a stranger. After retirement, he did carpentry work and woodworking. Jerry was a master craftsman and blessed many family and friends with his creations. Jerry also did carpentry work on all the Pre-K's in the area.

Survivors include his two sons, Scott (Lou) Miller and Shawn (Amy) Miller; grandchildren, Sydne Miller, Beatryss (Jesse) Adams, and Graydon Miller; great-grandson and the apple of his eye, Kother Wayne Adams; along with several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his two sisters, Virginia Rudluff and Judy Gibbar.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, April 21, 2025 at 10:00 AM with Rev. Darryl Williams officiating at Anna Heights Baptist Church. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 19 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Crain Funeral Home Anna and again the day of service from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM at the church.

Interment will follow the service at Anna City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Anna Heights Baptist Church.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna, Illinois is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Anna Cemetery

E Davie St
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-4083

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna
135 W. Vienna St.
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-2176
crain@crainsonline.com

Visitation

APR 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (cst)

Anna Heights Baptist Church
100 Turner Ave
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-5916

Funeral Service

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Anna Heights Baptist Church
100 Turner Ave
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-5916

Interment

APR 21. 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM (cst)

Anna Cemetery
E Davie St
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Your friends at Slingblade purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Miller.*



Your friends at Slingblade - April 17, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Miller.*



April 17, 2025 at 10:41 AM

RR

“ *Mr Miller was a great teacher and a wonderful man. He always had a smile to pass on to everyone. Condolences to the family. Heaven gained a special angle.*

Ramona Ralls - April 17, 2025 at 09:05 AM

SM

Thank you for sharing and caring

Scott D Miller - April 17, 2025 at 01:25 PM

JG

Mr. Miller was my 6th grade teacher. One of the (if not THE) best teachers I ever had. I so looked forward to his class...almost as much as he looked forward to the pickled okra my mother made and sent with me in my lunch:) He would come by at lunch and ask if I had an extra piece:) One day I surprised him with a whole jar lol. I had told mother about his love of her okra and she made a jar just for him:) Loved the "geography game" he had us play with the dowel rods and the HUGE map of the world on the wall of his classroom. Most fun I ever had in a classroom for sure:) God bless his family and condolences for your loss. Truly a treasured educator...one of the best.

Jason S Gardner Sr.

Jason S Gardner - March 02 at 07:17 PM

LK

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Miller’s passing. Coincidentally, I was just thinking about him and his geography tests a few days ago. I still have that dollar coin for all the A’s! He will not be forgotten. He was a fantastic teacher with a wonderful family. Prayers to your family.

Leigh Ann (Abernathy) Kristiansen - April 16, 2025 at 11:42 PM

SM

Thank you for sharing and caring.

Scott D Miller - April 17, 2025 at 01:24 PM

AW

Sorry to hear Mr. Miller passed. I'll never forget as students we picked out a country, that for me I'd never heard of, and wrote a report. It was a creative assignment. He smiled often. Sorry to Scott & family.

Andrea Stadelbacher Wilson - April 17, 2025 at 07:19 PM