



Shawn Ryan Miller

May 10, 1983 - October 10, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Shawn Ryan Miller

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Shawn Ryan Miller, age 42, of Murphysboro, passed away on Friday, October 10, 2025 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

He was born on May 10, 1983 to John Edward Needham, Sr. and Shirley (Gavach) Leinicke in Carbondale, Illinois. On June 18, 2002, he married Alisha Marie Gengenbach.

Shawn was a Food Service Manager, having worked at various restaurants, liquor stores, and gas stations in the area. Shawn was a lover of music and was a Guitar and Bass player. He also enjoyed Dungeons and Dragons and was big into Magic the Gathering, reading, and watching true crime dramas.

Survivors include his wife, Alisha; his children, Zachary Alexander (Cora)

Miller and Leonitus Orion Miller; father, John Edward Needham, Sr.; siblings, John Edward Jr. (Brittney) Needham, Angela Dawn Needham, and Ashley Needham (Brice) Hale; aunt-in-law, Linda Marie Gengenbach; and nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Shirley (Gavach) Leinicke; and his grandparents.

A Private Graveside Service will be held at De Soto Cemetery in De Soto, Illinois with interment following. A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date and will be announced.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

DeSoto City Cemetery

2112 S Ash St.
DeSoto, IL 62924

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Shawn for many years went school with him. He was the one who could make you laugh even when you did not want to. He was a good friend to have. Always there when you needed him. He was the one who would help you if he could. All the nicknames he had was the funniest. He was the best father and a really good friend. He was loved by many and will still be love by all. We will all miss you laugh and the love you gave to all. Love ya Shawn.

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“ Shawn is my first cousin but we were raised like brothers. There are so many memories I could share. My most cherished memories of him were watching him become a great man. Even better husband and an outstanding father. He had a heart of gold. He was a kind soul with a contagious smile and laugh that could light up a room and turn the darkest of days into the brightest of days. He was loved by a-lot and liked by many. He never met a stranger. We have 40 plus years of memories together which I pray will help fill the huge whole in my heart. He was taken to soon. But will never be forgotten. Rest easy and fly high little brother, until we meet again!

Michael Tulo - October 13, 2025 at 11:05 PM