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Wayne Robert Miller of Centreville, MD died peacefully at his home on August 24, 2014 after a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis, where he lived with his son Adam and family. He was 72.

Born in Belvidere, NJ on October 6, 1941, Wayne was the son of Robert Wagner and Grace Lorraine Lenker Miller. He is survived by his children: Christian Todd Miller, Jennifer Lyn Jones, Jessica Erin Pragada, Adam Wayne Miller and their mother Sandra Ann George; step-daughters: Kristin Lewis Danlew, Carrie Lewis Bodin and their mother Joyce Cuppett Miller; brothers, Glenn Miller and Dale Miller; and grandchildren: Kylie Miller, Bobby Pragada, Grace Jones, Luke Miller, Cahlin Pragada, Jacob Miller, Madelyn Miller, Sarah Jones, and Nathan Miller; his daughters- and sons-in-law: Jennifer Osgood Miller, David Lee Jones; Robert Venkat Pragada and Deanna Mann Miller. He developed a wonderful friendship with and would definitely want to recognize “Miss Helen” Wright of Grasonville, MD who was his daily caregiver over his last years, extending his ability to live independently and make him laugh on a daily basis.

Wayne lived the majority of his younger years in New Berlin, PA and his adult life in Annapolis, MD. As a young man he was very active outdoors, roaming the woods of New Berlin Mountain, swimming in Penns Creek and playing football and baseball with his brothers and friends. He was a summer camp counselor at Camp Tecumseh on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. He earned his Masters of Education from Mansfield State Teachers College in Mansfield, PA. He started his teaching career in Marion, NY, worked for Playworld Systems in Dry Valley, PA, before moving to Maryland and dedicating his career to the children of the Anne Arundel County Public School System, where he was a math teacher at Hillsmere Elementary, Assistant Principal of Germantown and Cape St. Claire Elementary schools and finally retired as principal of Jacobsville Elementary School. “Students and teachers are people too” was a mantra of Wayne’s and he took great pride in developing students and new teachers alike. As a teacher he played football daily with the kids during recess, produced the annual school plays and led the annual overnight trips to retreats like Arlington Echo and West River. He was most proud of his role as the lead administrator in the visionary design and construction of Jacobsville Elementary School in



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Pasadena, MD where many of his ideas were incorporated into what was, at the time, Anne Arundel County's most innovative school design. He was known to everyone as a champion of books and reading, and the creator of Mr. Miller's Math Medals program while bringing fun into the mix with his elaborate holiday costumes.

Wayne was, above all, a fan of his children and grandchildren. Throughout his life as a father and grandfather, he found immense pleasure in attending every possible game and performance, and later when he could no longer attend the events, keeping his digital photo library up to date. Wayne was also an avid fan of the Baltimore Orioles, Penn State football and the Maryland Terrapins basketball. He spent much of his time keeping up to date with every game, score, player and coach. He was touched many lives and will be greatly missed.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 4-6 pm on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at Lasting Tributes by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Cremation & Funeral Care, P.A., 814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD 21401. For online condolences, please visit www.LastingTributesFuneralCare.com.

Memorial contributions can be made to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, www.nationalmssociety.org.



Events

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Memorial Gathering

 **Saturday**, September 6, 2014

 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401





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Lasting Tributes shared a **Tribute Video**.



September 4 at 6:00 AM



Bill Mazzola posted:

Not only am I sorry for your loss but also for the loss to the world. He was very congenial and astute to me during my visits to Jacobsville Elementary school. Bill Mazzola Ex-Internal Auditor Board of Education

September 9 at 6:37 AM



Sherries Lee posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. The death of a loved one is the most difficult thing we deal with. I wanted to take this time to express my condolences to you for your loss. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's word the Bible. (Psalms 83:18) The Bible promises: "the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." (John 5:28,29) Jesus Christ promised that millions now dead will live again on this earth and have the prospect of remaining on it forever peaceful paradisaic conditions. (Isaiah 65:21,22) You can have the hope of being reunited with your dear dead loved ones here on earth. The Bible also assures us : " He will swallow up death forever, And the sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25:8) Death will be removed from all the earth. Tears of sorrow will vanish. No one will die from natural causes or weep. These are promises that will soon be a reality. (Hebrews 6:18) May you find comfort from these promises. And may Jehovah God of all comfort be with you. (2Corinthians 1:3,4) For more encouragement please visit www.jw.org.

September 7 at 9:20 AM



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JP

Jessica Pragada posted:

I will miss the way you always gave of yourself. Your handsome face and mischievous smile. Your amazing sense of humor that you kept to the end. Your high standards for how one person should treat another and the truly selfless way you lived your life. You have a will and determination that most of us will never match. I will simply miss you. All my love forever, Jessica.

September 6 at 3:52 AM

JM

Joyce Miller September 9 at 5:38 AM

Jessica, You described exactly what made your father an honorable and truly good, good man. Please know that my heart is with you daily... the pain and sorrow of missing him will never go away, but in time, you will be able to live with it a little easier. If I can do anything for you, please let me know. I love you. Joyce

JM

Joyce Miller posted:

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads his white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. He is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch until at last he hangs, like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says, "There he goes!" Gone where? Gone from my sight... that is all. He is just as large in mast and hull and spar as he was when he left my side and just as able to bear his load of living freight to the place of destination. His diminished size is in me... not in him. And just at that moment when someone at my side says, "There he goes!" there are other eyes watching him coming... and other voices ready to take up the glad shout... "Here he comes!!" Joyce Cuppett Miller

September 5 at 5:04 AM

AS

Amy Stiverson September 5 at 11:40 AM

The best metaphor a person in deep grief can read. I clung to this poem after mom died...

AC

Amy Cuppett posted:

Sending my sister, Joyce, Wayne's step-children Kristin and Carrie, and the entire Miller family my most sincere prayers during your time of grief from the loss of this incredible man. I always loved the times I spent with Wayne - his dry sense of humor, his handsome demeanor, his gentle ways. May you be in God's hands, Wayne - free from pain and physical limitations, and reunited with your loved ones who had passed before you. I love you, Wayne Miller - you made my sister the happiest she'd ever been in her life. 31 years of marriage - you both loved each other in your own unique ways all the way to the end. ~ Amy Cuppett

September 2 at 7:13 AM



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DA

Delores Allen posted:

Please accept my heartfelt sympathies in the loss of your dear loved one. May the fond memories shared with him be a source of comfort doing this time of grief and pain. John 5:28,29

September 1 at 1:40 AM

JM

Joyce Cuppett Miller shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



I met Wayne in 1982 when I became a volunteer in the media center at my daughter's school, Cape St. Claire Elementary. Wayne was Assistant Principal at the time and approached me in the media center to ask if I had neat penmanship. I thought it was an odd question until he explained that he had just started a new program to help students improve their math skills... if students got 100% correct on their math problem sheet, they would be awarded a gold "Mr. Miller's Math Medal." He wanted to know if I would be willing to help him make the medals which were circles cut out of poster paper with a piece of yarn attached, so the kids could wear them around their necks. He further explained that each medal needed to have "Mr. Miller's Math Medal" printed on it. I told him I would try making one, and he could decide whether or not I was "neat" enough. He did like my printing and this was the beginning of the very successful program, "Mr. Miller's Math Medals." After cutting, yarning and hand-printing hundreds of medals (writer's cramp, Oh My!), I decided to buy Wayne a rubber stamp!!! When I gave it to him wrapped up as a gift, you would have thought I gave him a piece of gold! Now, he could make his own medals. Mr. Miller's Math Medals were awarded to the students in ceremonies (like the Olympics), and we also created "Math Medal Man" together for Wayne to wear in school Halloween parades. "Mr. Miller's Math Medals" was successful until Wayne's retirement 21 years later. Joyce Miller

August 26 at 10:06 AM

JE

Judy Everitt posted:

Wayne was a very good friend at Mifflinburg High School (Class of 1959) where we shared the same group of friends and so many good times. Our little group had fun, and Wayne made things fun, whether playing boomsock in Jon Lawson's barn, going to dances at the New Berlin Elem. School or just being together as a group for our four years of high school. Although I have not known him since then, his passing brings sadness to me, but I know he battled MS long and hard and can now be at rest. Sincerest sympathy to all of you from both my husband and myself. He left you a great legacy in the person that he was and will remain in your hearts. Judy Spaid Everitt and Dan Everitt

August 31 at 3:22 PM



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CM

Chris Miller shared an album called **New Album Name.**



August 27 at 12:54 PM

EJ

Ellen Jones posted:

I was only at Jacobsville one year, but I have the most wonderful memories. I learned a lot about what a really caring principal looks like - he looks like Wayne Miller. He truly cared for the teachers and students. One of my favorite memories is him dressing up like a Christmas tree (a very elaborate affair that fit over him and his wheelchair). The students would decorate him with things they had made. He launched my teaching career with good advice, his personal enthusiasm, and a wonderful reference. May you be comforted by the deep respect and care he earned throughout his career. Ellen (Wald) Jones

August 27 at 6:56 AM

MM

Michael Miller posted:

My sympathies to all of Wayne's loved ones. Michael Miller

August 26 at 12:15 PM

JS

Joan Soroka shared an album called **New Album Name.**



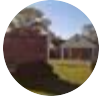
August 26 at 10:08 AM

JS

Joan Soroka posted:

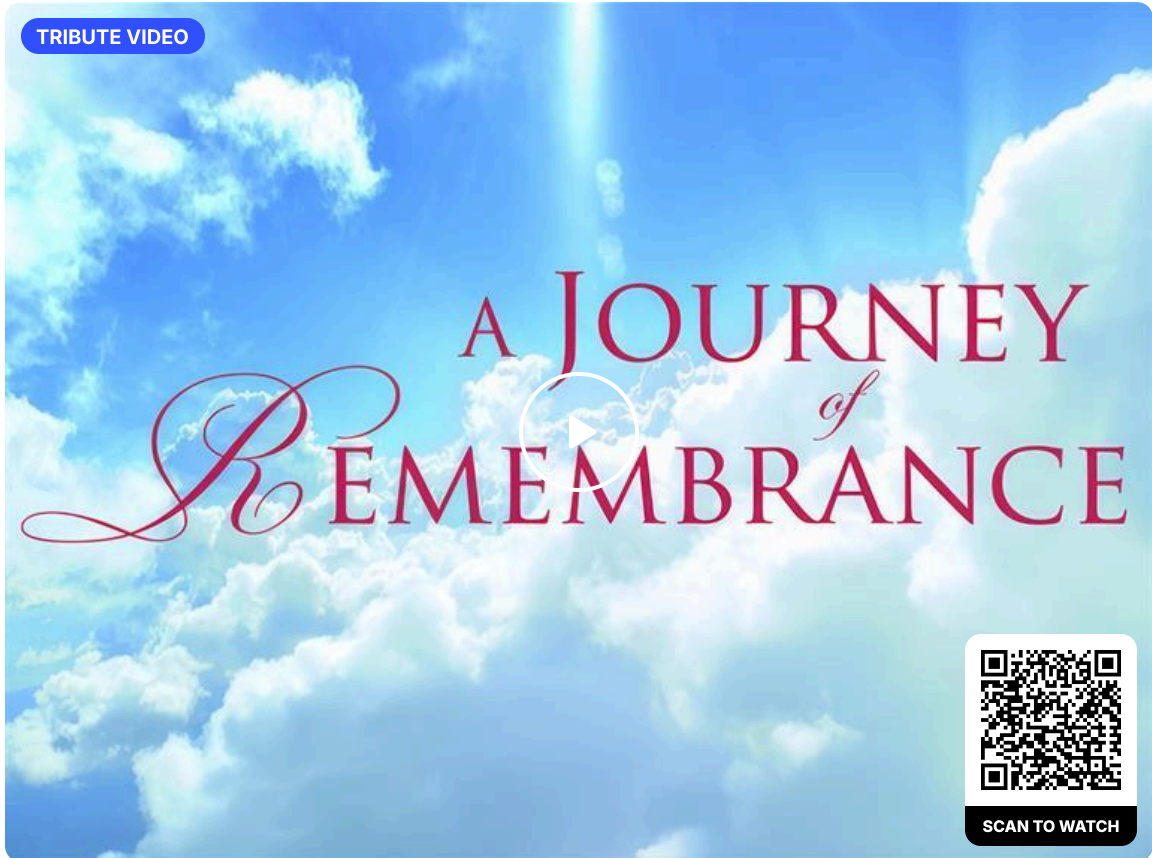
As a former teacher at Jacobsville Elementary at the same time as Mr. Miller was there, I had great respect for our caring and dedicated principal. I am sorry for your family's loss. Joan Soroka

August 26 at 10:06 AM



Lasting Tributes shared a Tribute Video.

September 4 at 6:00 AM



Michele Micek October 8 at 5:24 PM

What a beautiful video! Mr. Miller hired me for my first contracted position at Jacobsville, where I taught Kindergarten. I was thinking of him this evening and decided to do an internet search for him, only to sadly discover that he had passed. I was there from 1989 - 1994 before moving home to Pennsylvania. In those five years, I accrued many wonderful memories of Mr. Miller. During my first year there, he positively challenged me to become a better educator, and for that I deeply respected him. He was always present... he couldn't really surprise us with a visit because his wheelchair always announced his arrival, for which the students were delighted. He was a principal who was PRESENT in every sense of the word. That is a tribute to him. I will always have fond, lasting memories of Mr. Miller. Ms. Michele Micek, ESL Teacher, Nazareth, PA



Amy Stiverson September 5 at 11:56 AM

Beautiful video



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August 31 at 3:45 PM





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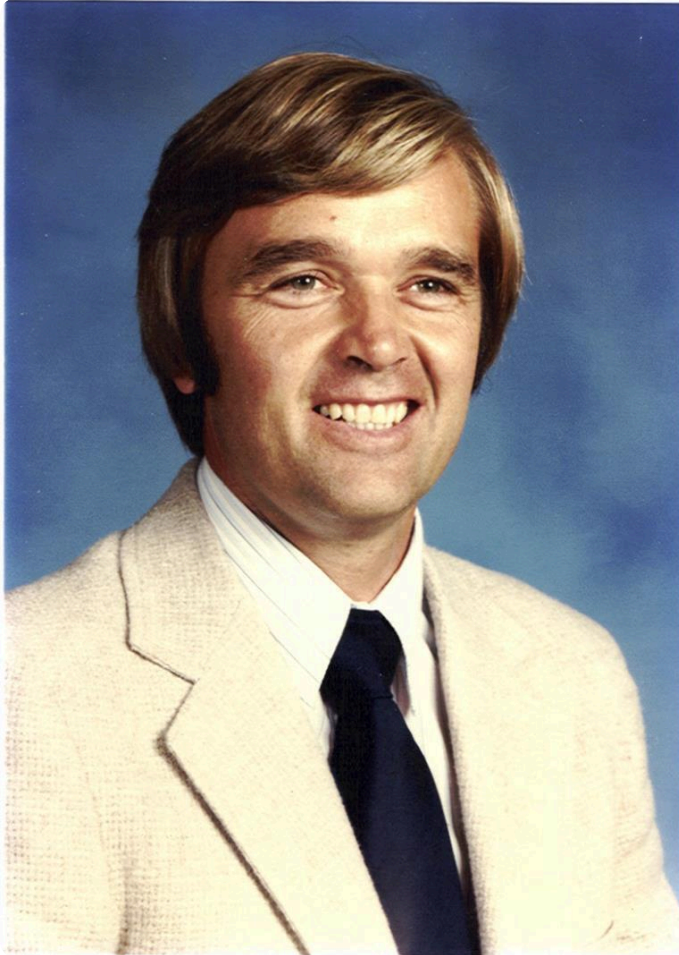
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Jacobsville Elementary Staff 1988-1989



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wayne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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