



Duane Franklin Miller

April 16, 1932 - April 29, 2017

MILLER, Duane F.

4/16/1932 - 4/29/2017

Bangor

Passed away at home April 29, 2017. Duane was born April 16, 1932 in Bloomingdale the son of Charles and Elsa Miller. He attended Western Michigan University and started his career with Montgomery Wards in Traverse City in the fall of 1952. Duane married his college sweetheart Kathyne Barnhart November 29, 1952 and enjoyed 64 years of marriage until her passing on January 11, 2017. Duane continued his career with Montgomery Wards until he retired as Head of Personnel in the corporate offices in Chicago in 1982. Then with his brother Lee ran the Kalamazoo Toy Train Works at the Bangor train depot. They presented one of their trains to President Ronald Reagan at the White House in 1984. Later Duane personally received a phone call from President Reagan thanking him for the train.

Surviving are his 4 children, Debbie (Paul) Woodward of Jasper, GA, Kurt (Debbie) Miller of Algonquin, IL, Marianne (Jim) Sipka of Lawrence, MI, Janice Whitney of Constantine, MI; 11 grandchildren, Morgan, Ed, Michael, Joe, Jeff, Andi, Casey, Katie, Matt, Logan, Charlie; 2 great grandchildren, Gabriel and Charlotte; 3 siblings, Pat (Dave) Bly of Bloomingdale, Bill (Wanda) Miller of

Bloomingtondale and Lee (Ruth) Miller of Titusville, FL.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years Kathryne,

The family will meet friends on Wednesday from 2 -4 PM and 6 - 8 PM at the BLOOMINGDALE CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com, where funeral services will be held on Thursday at 1 PM. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) or the Republican National Committee.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

44120 C. R. 380
Bloomingdale, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bloomingdale Chapel
203 East Spring Street
Bloomingdale, MI

Visitation

MAY 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bloomingdale Chapel
203 East Spring Street
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Service

MAY 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Larry Brewer lit a candle in memory of Duane Franklin Miller*



Larry Brewer - May 04, 2017 at 09:31 PM



“ *Margaret Brown lit a candle in memory of Duane Franklin Miller*



Margaret Brown - May 03, 2017 at 10:53 PM

FF

“ *Lee and Pat: Your parents, Charles and Elsa, and my mother, Dorothea Belton Baker were in Bloomingdale school together way back in the 1920's. I have such wonderful memories of their activity in the Bloomingdale Christian church over the years. As pre-teens Pat, we were goaded by Duane and my brother Dave Baker, to pick a lug of Blueberries with them and if we could do that they would treat us to a sundae. We DID pick a lug each that day but never got our Sundae's. Fond memories. My brother Dave Baker, Ron and I are so very sorry for the loss of your dear brother. Such a difficult time for you and it seems like it will be forever until you will see him again. But it will be quicker than we think. All things are in His hands.*

Flo Baker Fluty

Flo Baker Fluty - May 02, 2017 at 04:49 PM

LB

Mr. Miller was a man that will leave a lasting impression in my life for many reasons. He will be missed by me till my eyes shall close in death. Thank you to the miller family and sipka family for letting me share a part of mr. DUANE MILLERS LIFE.

Larry Brewer - May 04, 2017 at 09:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Duane Franklin Miller.*



May 02, 2017 at 11:26 AM

CR

“ *Lee and Ruth: So sorry to hear of your family's loss. Know that you are in my heart, prayers and thoughts in this sorrowful time. God Bless.*

Chris Rigozzi - May 01, 2017 at 01:08 PM

BR

“ *Lee and Ruth...I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. I remember meeting him when he worked at the train factory. He was a very nice guy. I will send a prayer for you and your family.*
Sincerely,
Brenda Balfour



Brenda - May 01, 2017 at 09:39 AM

JR

“ *Judy Rainey lit a candle in memory of Duane Franklin Miller*



Judy Rainey - May 01, 2017 at 05:53 AM

YF

“ *Your TKD kids, students & families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Duane Franklin Miller.*



Your TKD kids, students & families - January 14, 2017 at 03:09 PM