

In Loving Memory Of

Donald L. Miller

Born

September 14, 1927
Chamberlain, South Dakota

Died

January 28, 2018
Macomb, Illinois

Vigil

Sunday, February 4, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial

Monday, February 5, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Celebrant

Father Timothy Castor

Organist ~ Janet Higbee

Soloist ~ Myron Volk

Musical Selections

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
"The King Of Love My Shepherd Is"
"I Am The Bread Of Life" "Lord Of All Hopefulness"

Pallbearers

John Gruidl ~ Christopher Tsoi ~ Nathan Tsoi
Curtis Bird ~ Billy McElroy ~ Steve Bucholz

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota



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Donald Leroy Miller was born September 14, 1927, to Herman F. and Florence M. (Matthews) Miller in Chamberlain, SD. On June 12, 1952, he married Kathleen Shirley Buss at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Redfield, SD. She preceded him in death in 2013 after

61 years of marriage.

Don graduated from Chamberlain High School in 1945 and served as a corporal in the US Army from 1946-49. He was stationed with the 2nd Army Air Force (AAF) Radio Squadron Mobile in Allied-occupied Germany in 1946-47, and later posted to the Ft. Jay detachment, Governor's Island, NY.

Following his army discharge, Don returned to Chamberlain where he partnered with his father and founded the Miller Construction Company. He was a self-taught draftsman and custom homebuilder. He built many homes and commercial buildings in the area, and was considered an artisan in his craft.

A keen interest in teaching led Don to enroll at Colorado State University in 1968 to pursue a teaching certificate. He taught at Mitchell Technical Institute (formerly Mitchell Area Voc-Tech School) in Mitchell, SD, and later at Utah Valley University (formerly Utah Technical College) in Orem, UT. He was a generous and innovative teacher, and he mentored students to do the kind of work that would endure for many years.



After his retirement from teaching, Don resumed his construction business in Orem. Ready to try new ideas, he built one of the first solar homes in Utah. He was always diligent and would go the extra mile to ensure any job, large or small, was done to the best of his ability.

Having an insatiable curiosity, Don was an avid reader and had a great love of learning. When confronted with an obstacle, he would say, "It's not a problem but an opportunity for a solution." He was courteous and respectful to everyone he met. Having lived through the Great Depression and WWII, he showed a witty

sense of humor that lightened the trials of life. His strong and quiet faith made him always hopeful and was an inspiration to those around him. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 6341 and volunteered many hours of service to his home parish, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Sturgis.

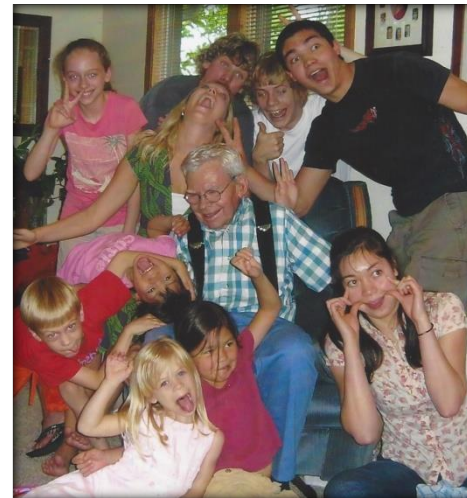


When Don was in his 70's, he and Kathy retired in the Black Hills of South Dakota where he designed and constructed their Boulder Canyon dream home. It was a special place where family gathered for reunions, laughed and cried, and made wonderful memories.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John and Edward; and sister, Harriet "Dottie" Miller Baker.

Don, 90, Macomb, IL, and formerly of Sturgis, devoted husband, father, and friend, passed away January 28, 2018, at Bickford Assisted Living in Macomb, IL, surrounded by those who loved him, after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Grateful for his loving presence in their lives are his children: Nancy (John) Gruidl of Macomb, IL; Timothy of Mitchell, SD; Theresa (Christopher) Tsoi of Fort Collins, CO; Robert of Midvale, UT; Mary McElroy of Spokane, WA; Patricia McGee of Rapid City, SD; and Susan (John) Bird of Excelsior, MN; fourteen grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



Memorial donations may be made to the Donald and Kathleen Miller Seminarian Burse (for the education of seminarians) at the Diocese of Rapid City, 606 Cathedral Drive, Rapid City, SD 57701 or to St. Paul School, Macomb, IL.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon him.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church hall following the committal service. We thank you for your prayers and condolences.