



James J Miller

April 23, 1957 - July 17, 2018

James Joseph Miller, 61, of Fort Gibson was born April 23, 1957 in Fort Worth, Texas to James B. and Sandra Jo (Mitchell) Miller and passed away Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family.

He enlisted in the United States Army on May 24, 1974 in Little Rock, Arkansas and was a Diesel Mechanic while serving in the army and received an honorable discharge on May 16, 1977 in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Jim grew up in Oaks, Oklahoma but has lived in Fort Gibson since 1986. Jim furthered his education and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. He was self-employed in engineering and machinery equipment and retired in 2014.

Jim had many interests. Through the years, he raced cars and later raised horses, which he said, you couldn't tune-up. He was a collector of antique military rifles and enjoyed researching each one and could tell you what wars they were used in.

His musical tastes ranged from old time gospel, classical, country, rock and roll and even a few rap songs. He had recently "You-Tubed" civil war songs and found several groups that played them.

He was a faithful member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 4042 in Muskogee, Oklahoma for many years, where he helped raise money for a host of charities including cancer, diabetes and many more.

Jim could design and build all types of machinery and production components. He designed a work-out machine that will lower the bar for you to put the

weights on, then lift them to the correct height. He loved spending time with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother; Mitchell Harkins of Inverness, Florida.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 37 years, Sandra of the home; sisters, Robin McFadden and husband Randy of Great Falls, Montana and Belinda Hardy and husband Terry of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; mother in law, Thelma Foster of Foster, Oklahoma; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Memorial service 2:00PM Wednesday, July 25, 2018 Fort Gibson National Cemetery Pavilion, Fort Gibson with Mr. Butch Cook officiating. Randy McFadden, Terry Hardy, Bob Alberty, Chester Foster, Jeff Foster and Randy Foster will serve as Honorary pallbearers.

The family of James Joseph Miller has entrusted his cremation and service to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson.

Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James J Miller*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Jim Miller was one of the greatest men I've ever had the pleasure to know. He was the first to offer help if you had a problem you couldn't solve, no matter the size or scope of the issue, whatever it was. Jim was a great friend and mentor. He was a very kind and giving man, he would talk with you for hours about everything. I never saw Jim angry, he was almost always smiling and laughing. And if he wasn't at first he would be shortly. I can't count the number of times Jim helped my family with various jobs and projects, Jim always offered to help if he knew you were doing something. I will never forget how encouraging and positive Jim was to me. Having Jim as a friend had a positive impact on my life, he will be missed.*

Nate - July 24, 2018 at 06:01 PM



“ *Bill & Laura, Becki & Phil, Rob & Julie purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of James J Miller.*



Bill & Laura, Becki & Phil, Rob & Julie - July 21, 2018 at 02:25 PM

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“ *With lots of love, Ashley Covell & Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James J Miller.*



With lots of love, Ashley Covell & Family - July 20, 2018 at 03:58 PM

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“ *Ashley Covell lit a candle in memory of James J Miller*



Ashley Covell - July 20, 2018 at 10:04 AM

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“ *I am honored to say that Jim and Polly have been my dear friends for 20-plus years. Jim was a highly intelligent, humorous and loving man. He was always kind and considerate of others. He loved his wife, his family, and his friends with every fiber of his being. I loved and admired the person that he was, and I will miss him very much. My love and condolences go out to his wife, Polly and his family. May God bless you and keep you in His grace in this time of Sorrow.*

Stacey Wooten-Redfearn - July 18, 2018 at 09:58 AM

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“ *Jim was an intelligent, talented man, with a wide variety of interests and tastes. His sense of humor was an ever present trait in his endearing personality.*

He loved Polly, horses, dogs, guns and anything that went fast. He was a Veteran. He was an American. He was so much more.....

My favorite memory of Jim is him and Polly telling me that they had been married. What a long time ago. What ground they covered together.

We have lost a great friend.

He will be missed.

S. Flood

Sherril Flood - July 18, 2018 at 07:15 AM