



Ralph E Miller

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Ralph E. Miller, aged 76, of Carroll, Ohio passed away on Saturday evening, January 27th, 2024. He was born on September 10th, 1947 in Otway, Ohio to the late Myron W. Miller and Virginia (White) Miller. On June 22, 1968 he married Linda (Thompson) Miller and spent the next 56 years loving her.

Ralph was a 1965 graduate of Northwest High School, in Scioto County and graduated from Ohio University in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology degree. After beginning his engineering career at Stilson's of Columbus, he and some colleagues founded their own engineering firm, Ventura Engineering in 1982. He spent the rest of his life pouring his energy and work into the firm, still working for them at the time of his passing. As well as Ventura Engineering he was the second half of Miller House Antiques.

Besides work, Ralph was passionate about vintage cars, hotrods and drag racing. He and Linda spent the final season of life together building a dream hotrod, which won the Goodguys Hot Rod of the year in 2017.

Between schooling, work, cars, and antiques Ralph amassed a broad, diverse, and large circle of friends who were more like family than friends.

Ralph and Linda had one son, Thomas W. Miller (Lori Reiber) and a grandson, Samuel W. R. Miller and two step-grandchildren, Madeline Watson

and Michael Watson. He is further survived by his sister Linda Kay Price and nieces and nephews, Anna Binder, Elizabeth (Paul) Rideout, Karen (Lou) Seich, John (Lisa) Garvin, Jeff (Karen) Garvin, and Tammy (Dave) Query. Through the nieces and nephews, Ralph had many many more great nieces and nephews whom he was often involved with in life. Ralph was a lover of all kinds of animals, domestic and wild. He and Linda were rescuers of dogs, and loved each and every one of them for their many different personalities. He was known to just stop in the middle of a country road and watch deer, ducks, or foxes, to the chagrin of other drivers, whom he said could just wait. Service for the Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, February 23 at Worthington United Methodist Church. There will be a time of reception for friends and family from 10am to 12 pm, with the service beginning at 12pm. He will be buried in Union Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. Jude's or your local animal welfare group.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43202

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Worthington United Methodist Church
600 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Worthington United Methodist Church
600 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Tribute Wall



“ Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph E Miller



Rutherford Funeral Homes - February 22, 2024 at 05:35 PM

LS

“ Lawrence S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph E Miller.

Lawrence S. - February 23, 2024 at 02:06 PM

ND

“ I'm new with Ventura and only knew Ralph for a couple of months. My condolences to his wife, family, Team Ventura and all those who were close with Ralph. You all are in my prayers. RIP Ralph Miller...



Natu davis - February 22, 2024 at 05:55 PM

DE

“ Defabco, Inc/ Bill Eubanks purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Ralph E Miller.



Defabco, Inc/ Bill Eubanks - February 22, 2024 at 01:26 PM

DE

“ Defabco, Inc/ Bill Eubanks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph E Miller.

Defabco, Inc/ Bill Eubanks - February 22, 2024 at 01:26 PM

MT

“ Mars Petcare Central Engineering Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph E Miller.

Mars Petcare Central Engineering Team - February 21, 2024 at 03:05 PM

MT

“ Mars Petcare Central Engineering Team purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Ralph E Miller.



Mars Petcare Central Engineering Team - February 21, 2024 at 03:05 PM

TW

“ There are no words that can help at a time like this but I'm heartbroken for your loss of Ralph. He was a truly wonderful man and husband. My prayers go out to you for comfort and for your health as well. If you need for me to come stay with you for a while to help you at home I am available to be there for you. 🙏

Teresa Waltz - February 21, 2024 at 07:49 AM

KC

“ *Linda,
We are so sorry to hear about Ralph’s passing. We will always
remember his kind words to us. We pray for your complete
recovery.
With sympathy and love.
Kathy and Bob Campo*

Kathy Campo - February 20, 2024 at 11:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Ralph E Miller.*



February 20, 2024 at 09:32 PM

GH

“ *Linda & Family, our hearts go out to you all and no words can
convey how much Ralph will be missed. We are praying that God
will comfort you and bring you peace in the days to come. May the
many beautiful memories that you hold in your hearts never cease
to remind you how much Ralph loved you all. Gail, Stu and
Stephanie Hunt*

Gail, Stu & Stephanie Hunt - February 20, 2024 at 08:36 PM

AP

“ I am very sorry to hear about Ralph's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. All of the Mars Petcare Engineering team who have worked with Ralph over the many years are saddened by his passing. Ralph was instrumental in many projects we worked on with him on while he was at Ventura Engineering. He was fantastic to work with and never complained to us even when we were quite demanding. He was an absolute pleasure to work with and he left an ever-lasting impact on all of us. His legacy will live on at Mars - we have many factories that have Ralph's expert designs installed and producing our products. He will be forever missed. Art Paradissis - Mars Petcare

Art Paradissis - February 20, 2024 at 04:23 PM

PM

“ So sorry to hear about Ralph. What a great guy behind that iconic mustash. Thoughts and prayers for you Linda.

Patricia Meier - February 20, 2024 at 09:52 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph E Miller.



February 20, 2024 at 09:14 AM

KG

“ Dear Linda, Words cannot express how much sorrow we feel at Ralph's passing. We love you both dearly. We are so glad that our children and grandchildren got to visit both of you--all have remembered! And we are just so thankful for the blessing of being cousins, as kids growing up and as adults.
Your faith is an inspiration. With love, Kathy and Larry Gaertner

Kathy Gaertner - February 19, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ralph E Miller.



February 19, 2024 at 12:01 PM

MC

“ Mike McClung & Rachell Cook planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph E Miller.

Mike McClung & Rachell Cook - February 19, 2024 at 12:01 PM

SS

“ Sandusky S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph E Miller.

Sandusky S. - February 19, 2024 at 09:34 AM

PS

“ Linda, I am so so sorry to hear of Ralph’s passing. I have been purchasing antiques from you both for years and always saw Ralph as such a kind gentle soul with such peace in his heart. Please take care of yourself and find comfort in your sweet memories of him. With deepest sympathies,
Pam Smith

pam smith - February 19, 2024 at 06:25 AM

KB

“ We were deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Ralph. Our hearts ache for you and your family during this difficult time. Ralph was such a warm and kind-hearted individual, and his presence will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Please accept our sincere condolences. Although we are unable to be there in person to attend his celebration service, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you find comfort in the loving memories you shared with Ralph, and may his legacy continue to bring warmth and joy to your hearts.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Kathy Binner and Marc Vance, Sarasota. FL*

Kathy Binner - February 18, 2024 at 10:08 PM

RP

“ Larry and I are very saddened to hear of this tragic death. Our deepest sympathies

Ruth Proffitt - February 18, 2024 at 05:21 PM

SB

“ Shirley B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph E Miller.

Shirley B. - February 18, 2024 at 05:11 PM

SB

“ Shirley B. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ralph E Miller.



Shirley B. - February 18, 2024 at 05:11 PM

CM

“ Linda, we love you. That's about all I seem to be able to say at the moment and that seems appropriate. We are heartbroken over all that has happened but we will be here. We will be here. Love Chad and Tony

Chadwick Mills - February 18, 2024 at 04:52 PM

C(

“ Carmella Fabrizio (Hayes) lit a candle in memory of Ralph E Miller



carmella fabrizio (Hayes) - February 16, 2024 at 12:27 AM

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Deepest condolences Linda and Tom

carmella fabrizio (Hayes) - February 16, 2024 at 12:28 AM

WP

“ My heart is broken by the sudden loss of my dear friend Ralph Miller, who was like a brother to me for 70 years. We met in 1st grade and graduated 12 years later, then shared rides to and from OU Portsmouth. I was honored to be in his and Linda's wedding ceremony. Linda, I pray that God will heal you and give you strength. We shared our thoughts, dreams and interests. He was always there for me in good times and bad, and I will cherish our memories forever. He knew me as Homer and by my nickname Bruz. Ralph's folks claimed two additional sons, Bob Hill and Bruz. He had a great sense of humor and a kind heart. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and a loyal friend to many. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace, Ralph. You are gone but not forgotten.

William Penn - February 15, 2024 at 10:44 PM

VE

“ Ventura Engineering purchased the Reflections of Glory Wreath for the family of Ralph E Miller.



Ventura Engineering - February 15, 2024 at 08:28 AM

CC

“ So very sorry! Linda you are in my prayers! Ralph was a great man! He will be missed!



chad and rex clippinger - February 11, 2024 at 04:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph E Miller.*



February 09, 2024 at 12:10 PM



“ *Brittany Skaggs lit a candle in memory of Ralph E Miller*



Brittany Skaggs - February 07, 2024 at 11:44 AM



“ *To the Miller Family,
Ralph was a wonderful guy to work with. I had the pleasure of working with him for the last four years on several projects at Abbott. Ralph carried a wealth of knowledge, was always willing to help and fun to be around. Praying for Linda, Tom and the rest of the family during this time.*

*Sincerely,
Brittany Skaggs*



Brittany Skaggs - February 07, 2024 at 11:39 AM

FT

“ From Brittany Skaggs & Sam Thimdit planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph E Miller.

From Brittany Skaggs & Sam Thimdit - February 07, 2024 at 11:21 AM

FT

“ From Brittany Skaggs & Sam Thimdit purchased the "In our hearts" 30" Chime for the family of Ralph E Miller.



From Brittany Skaggs & Sam Thimdit - February 07, 2024 at 11:21 AM

TF

“ The Scharfenberg Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph E Miller.

The Scharfenberg Family - February 07, 2024 at 09:02 AM

TF

“ The Scharfenberg Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph E Miller.



The Scharfenberg Family - February 07, 2024 at 09:02 AM

ST

“ *Past twenty years, I have been worked with Ralph on several projects at Abbott. Ralph is the best engineer I have ever known and work with. My privilege and honors to know Ralph and Linda. I sure miss working with him. Ralph and Linda always in my prayer and in my heart. My sincere condolences to Ralph and family.*

Soradej "Sam" Thimdit

Soradej Thimdit - February 07, 2024 at 08:02 AM

GC

*Knowing Ralph and Linda for the past thirty some years has been such a pleasure. Kindest nicest people to know. My heart breaks for Ralph's passing and the struggle Linda will endure. I love this family
Ginny Curry*

Ginny Curry - February 12, 2024 at 04:24 PM

FB

“ *I always said Ralph Earl I think of old times in Otway we were always at Aunt Hulda he loved to eat runny eggs oh the memories one of my favorite cousins Faye*

Faye Bennington - February 05, 2024 at 11:29 AM

DC

“ *Ralph was one of the best men I've ever known. I had the privilege of introducing he and Linda. He kept asking me to ask her to go on a date...she did and they were never apart after that. Although time has separated us, they both are always in my heart. RIP Ralph. Love you my friend.*

Donna Cunningham - February 02, 2024 at 09:49 AM

ST

“ *Whispering prayers for the Ralph Miller family. My heart aches for you all. Fond memories of Ralph, Myron and Virginia and Aunt Hulda. Sending love to you all.*

Shelley Ralstin Tackety - February 01, 2024 at 02:59 PM

GO

“ *My thoughts and prayers to Linda and family ...we are thinking of all of you... Riley and Barbara Goedeke*

goedeke - February 01, 2024 at 12:26 PM

SH

“ *Linda and family, extending to you our deepest sympathy in the passing of Ralph. Ralph, you are a loved soul, both in this place and in the Eternal city in which you now reside. Your light continues to shine bright in our lives. Though apart, you will always live on in our hearts, our minds and in our souls. We know that life does not end at the grave; our souls, like yours, will live on. How, then, do we accept the reality of your death? By remembering your goodness and by shaping our lives after that goodness. Your bright flame is aglow within each one of us who remain because Ralph, no good thing ever dies. God be with us and provide us the strength and courage to do the work each one of us were sent here to do. Please remember us and meet us as we find ourselves on that distant shore someday. Rest in Heavenly peace. The Dear Family*



Sheryl - January 31, 2024 at 09:57 PM

LZ

“ I'm very sorry to hear about the untimely departure of Ralph from us. I've known Ralph professionally for over 3 decades. Ralph was a great engineer and a calming influence on everyone around him. I always enjoyed seeing Ralph and chatting with him. It's hard to believe he's gone. Central Ohio will be a sadder place without him. My sincere condolences to his family, friends and co-workers.

Larry Ziniel - January 31, 2024 at 08:42 PM

RS

“ Our hearts are wounded by the sad news of Ralph's passing. We consider ourselves fortunate to have known the friendly, gracious and welcoming person that he was. Our deepest sympathy to Linda and family as we keep you in our prayers.

Ralph & Donna Stepp - January 30, 2024 at 06:12 PM

MM

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Ralph was one of the best in the antique field. I still have several of the pieces I purchased from them. I remember fondly of the times he and Linda spent with my parents and myself at antique shows and at many dinners in and around those shows. My heart goes out to Linda and Tom.

Michele Morscher - January 30, 2024 at 03:40 PM

CP

Dear Linda, so sorry to read of Ralph's passing. It seems like only yesterday that we were all young and living on Park Overlook. Thoughts and prayers for you and Tom as you and Tom as you grieve this profound loss. Cheryl and Jerry Pettit

Cheryl Pettit - February 01, 2024 at 02:55 PM

TR

“ god got a good man so so sorry for you and tom praying for you

Tom Rieder - January 30, 2024 at 01:50 PM