
James R. Miller

James R. Miller, 76, of Lititz, formerly of Valley View, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2014 at Lancaster General Hospital in Lancaster.

Born in Lykens, he was the son of the late Lester and Minerva Straub Miller Sr., he and his wife, Sandra Lee Romberger Miller, were married almost 50 years.

James served in the U.S. Army.

He spent his entire working career with the New Holland Farm Machine Company and served as a service parts manager in the large parts distribution center.

James was an avid sportsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling and golf. In his early years he played professional baseball in the Washington Senators Farm System, only to have a promising career interrupted by the army draft. To this day, James is considered one of the best left-handed pitchers ever to come out of the Schuylkill/Dauphin County area. In later years James helped develop and promote a successful Seniors Golf League at the Lykens Valley Golf Course in Millersburg.

James attended the Worship Center in Leola, PA for 27 years. For many of those years he was active in their traffic control and greeter programs.

Surviving in addition to his wife is his daughter Jennifer, wife of Andrew Thompson; two grandchildren, Mariah and Luke Thompson all of Lititz; two brothers, Lester Miller, Jr. husband of Lorraine of York, Lawrence Miller husband of Sandi of Manheim; one sister, Anne Meckley wife of Fred of Herndon; an aunt and uncle, Robert and Nancy Straub of Dalmatia; and several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend James's Life Celebration Funeral service at the Worship Center, 2384 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601 on Wednesday, Nov. 26, with Pastor Sam Smucker officiating. Interment was in Brunnerville United Methodist Church Cemetery in Brunnerville.

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