



Joseph C. Miller

July 13, 1965 - October 13, 2024

Joseph C. Miller, 59, a longtime Mentor resident, died October 13, 2024, at Hillcrest Hospital of complications from diabetes. He was born July 13, 1965, in East Cleveland, the third son of Foyster and Connie Miller. Joe attended Euclid Park School in Cleveland before moving with his family to Mentor in September 1977. There, he attended Shore Middle School and Mentor High School, graduating in 1984.

Joe lived in Mentor his entire adult life. He worked at May Company (later Kaufman's) in the Great Lakes Mall for many years, followed by time as a stocker/cart attendant for Giant Eagle, and as a porter at Classic Park for the Lake County Captains baseball team. His time with the Captains helped him indulge in one of his great passions, sports.

Although he couldn't compete as a player because of the disabilities he was born with, Joe immersed himself in sports as a fan, attending games, collecting memorabilia, and learning team histories and statistics. He was particularly devoted to the sports teams of his beloved Mentor High School, often working for them in various capacities. That devotion led to him being granted an honorary membership in their Athletic Hall of Fame. It was an honor he cherished.

Joe was also interested in American history. Whenever he could, he would get

his family to take him to the residences of past American presidents. He loved to see great Civil War battlefield sites. Gettysburg, Antietam, Shiloh, Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, and Appomattox were just some of the places he visited.

Joe was an instinctive community builder and diplomat. He made friends easily and had a gift for encouraging people. He didn't let adversity or disability make him bitter. It made him an easy man to love.

Joe is survived by his brother, Jeffrey (Debbie) Miller.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Foyster and Constance Miller; and his brother, James Miller.

The family will receive friends to celebrate Joe's life from 10 a.m. – 12 noon on Monday, October 21, 2024 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral service to conclude the gathering will begin at 12 noon on Monday at the funeral home.

Graveside services will follow the funeral and will take place in Mentor Cemetery. All attending are asked to meet at Mentor Cemetery, in Section 27, at approximately 1:15 p.m. Monday, October 21st.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions may be made to Mentor Church of Christ, 7201 Burr ridge Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

OCT **21**. 1:15 PM (ET)

Mentor Cemetery
6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 974-5733

Tribute Wall

CZ

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Joe while visiting a friend at Mentor Ridge Rehab. He was one of the nicest most polite gentleman one could ever meet! Always a pleasure seeing Joe !!!

Chris L Zuber - October 21, 2024 at 03:04 PM

JW

“ Years ago my husband was the minister at the Mentor Church of Christ. Joe and his entire family were very loving and godly people. Joe was especially kind to our four children. He played with them and talked to them about their interests. He had a heart of gold. He also was kind to older folks...Sue and Max Warnack were people he would visit with and talk with about everything. His presence here will be missed, but we know he is with God. We will meet you on the other side, Joe! Much love to Jeff and Debbie. May our Lord give you comfort, peace, and courage in the days ahead. Joy and Micheal West

Joy and Micheal Wedt - October 19, 2024 at 08:04 PM

SK

“ Joe was such a nice guy, who loved sports. Many thanks for being there for all the teams at his beloved Mentor High school. RIP my friend.



Scott Kondik - October 18, 2024 at 02:04 PM

GC

“ Joe became my friend at Classic Park 20 years ago. He was kind, friendly and a great friend with whom to discuss life, baseball and Mentor athletics. I am so glad he was inducted into the Mentor HS Hall of Fame. The joy and pride that gave him was special. I will miss his calls and already miss him. Greg Crouse

Greg Crouse - October 18, 2024 at 01:59 PM

KH

“ Joe made an impact on people around him by being genuine and friendly. I went to Joe's church and he built his life around his faith. He kept it simple that way and this always left a great impression on me. I went to my first Cleveland baseball game with Joe many years ago and his love for sports gave him an entry point to build relationships with many. He is now with God and I am sure it is a great celebration to have him home.

Kyle A Huhtanen - October 17, 2024 at 10:00 AM

AC

“ As kids growing up we would see Joey in W. VA. on our grandparents farm. Later years I made some trips to Ohio to see Uncle Foyster & family. Joey & my husband would talk about sports. I was able to keep track of him on Facebook Thanks Debbie for that. Joey was my cousin Arlene

Arlene Crow - October 16, 2024 at 11:58 PM

JR

“ I was a Nurse caring for Joe. We spent a lot of time talking about sports, especially The Cleveland Browns. Joe taught me a lot about the history of the Browns and other Cleveland sports teams. I am very heavy hearted about Joe, what a great person, I will miss him. Judy Bass, RN

judith Bass, RN - October 16, 2024 at 10:53 PM

JK

“ Sorry to hear about Joe’s passing. He was always such a cheerful presence at the Lake County Captains games. Here’s a picture I took at Star Wars Night in 2018. John Kassinger



John Kassinger - October 16, 2024 at 07:04 PM