



## Jerry L. Miller

August 20, 1941 - January 6, 2022

Jerry Lee Miller, husband, father, grandfather and gardener extraordinaire, passed away January 6, 2022 surrounded by his wife, Rosemary, and his Triple A Girls. He was 80 when he died from a six-year battle with Alzheimer's. Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 17, 2022 at First Lutheran Church in Kearney with Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson and Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson officiating. Inurnment will be held at a later date. The service will also be live streamed through the church website, <https://firstlutherankearney.org/watch-live/> or on the First Lutheran Church Facebook page. The family will receive friends 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, January 16, 2022 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home. Those attending are encouraged to wear a masks.

Memorials are suggested to First Lutheran Church or to Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Jerry was born August 20, 1941 in Gothenburg to Niels Herman and Freda (Christensen) Miller. He was also welcomed by his five sisters. Jerry fought polio and missed his kindergarten year while at the Lincoln Orthopedic Hospital. His mom would take the train to visit him. He never let his complications from polio stop him from doing anything. Being raised by those

five sisters and parents who survived the Depression possibly led him to a life of collecting many things. Lots of things. Piles of things.

Jerry grew up with his grandpa Christensen living with the family. He spoke only Danish, so Jerry learned some Danish at a young age. He graduated from Gothenburg High in 1960. He started at Kearney State College that fall and was the first in his family to go to college. He studied math and science until he got a job at Rockwell International in 1963.

Jerry met Rosemary Ann Felt at Foote Convenience Plaza and told his friend, "I'm going to marry her." On March 29, 1968 he did just that.

He completed KSC while working as a Senior Design Engineer at Rockwell, and he graduated from KSC in 1973 with a bachelor's in math and physics. He continued working at Rockwell until 1985, when Rockwell moved to North Carolina. He then worked at Delux Manufacturing, Ag Dryer, and Chief Industries. He retired in 2004.

In 1999, he took college classes to learn computer aided drafting. He bought his first computer which introduced him to his love of emailing his daughters. He would send advice. Photos of birds in his bird feeder. Photos of his garden. Weather updates. Crane sightings. Questions on how to clean a shower curtain.

Perhaps his greatest joys were his daughters and grandchildren. His passion was his family, and his jovial spirit was felt by all. He was the fun dad. The dad who would drive through piles of snow to pick up friends on a snow day. The dad who spun cookies on the ice in the church parking lot. The dad who would burn hotdogs on the grill and then place them in buns on a plate to serve to someone. The dad who would bring you McDonald's hamburger and strawberry shake when you were sick. The dad who usually had a TSF (tear

stained face) anytime we told him of any accomplishment-big or small. The dad who said great job-even when we failed. The dad who cleaned up every plate at the dinner table. The dad who would wake you up on car rides to make sure you saw every windmill, cow, horse, bird, and funny bumper sticker. The dad who carefully packed up our station wagon like a game of Tetris. The dad who would spend hours at a mall with his girls. The dad who gave the best hugs. He was the dad some friends of ours wanted for their own dad. He supported his family in every way possible. He photographed as many events as he could. And this was way before digital cameras and cell phones. Jerry delighted in his role as grandpa. His face lit up when he saw a grandchild. He played games with them, snuggled with them, acted silly with them, talked to them. He truly loved those grandkids with all his heart.

Jerry was a lover of all kinds of gardening, woodworking, photography, star gazing, grilling, golfing, listening to music and buying used (clearance) meat at Bob's Superstore. One of his proud moments was when he got a hole-in-one at Meadowlark Hills.

Jerry was a kind and gentle soul, who always had a kind word to say about everyone.

Jerry was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2015. In spite of this he and Rosemary were able to go on many bus trips with old friends and new friends. He was able to live at home until May of 2021 when he entered Prairie View Gardens. After contracting covid the end of August, he was hospitalized and then moved to St. John's where he lived for four months.

Jerry entered the kingdom of heaven and was welcomed with loving arms once again by his parents and sisters.

Surviving him are his wife; his Triple A Girls and sons-in-law: Amy (Layne) Lueders of Blair, Anne (Kelly) Roberts of Leawood, Kansas, and Ashley (David) Klein of Elkhorn; grandchildren Grace, Samuel and Theodore Lueders, Tallula and Abraham Roberts, and Brigham and Whitaker Klein, nieces and nephews and many good friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, sisters Fern (Harry) Lemaster, Maxine (Dale) Cain, Imogene (Robert) Bailey, Betty Lou (Dale) Clark, and Eldene (LaVerne) Pollat.

Our thanks to AseraCare Hospice, Good Samaritan Society-St. John's and Prairie View Gardens for their compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Lutheran Church or Alzheimer's Association in Jerry's memory.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
3315 Ave G  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry L. Miller*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Rosemary and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you...This has been a difficult and long journey for each of. Cherish all the sweet memories with Jerry. No family should go through what you have gone through...Forever praying for a cure for the next generation. May God give you peace and comfort in the coming days. Your strength has encouraged other...God Bless you abundantly in the coming days. Sincerely, Sue Bigg*

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**Susan Bigg** - January 17, 2022 at 11:24 AM

JB

“ I have so many fond memories of life at the Miller household on Ave. K, but where to begin...? First off, I have to say that Jerry was one of the most easy-going dads I'd ever been around, so incredibly kind and caring, and he spoke to the women of his household with the utmost compassion and respect. Not to say that he didn't practice sarcasm and make hilarious remarks, because he did! But it was all in love. I always knew that Amy's house was one of the safest places on earth I could be. I was welcomed there. Made to feel at home there. I could be myself there. That was huge for me - in more ways than I was able to put my finger on at the time. Once, in their driveway, I maneuvered my '81 Buick Skylark to fit where only their front porch swing should've been sitting. It was parked parallel to their house, right under their living room window. I cringe just thinking about Jerry's beautiful front yard, and the tire marks & indentations I left. Amy got in trouble for it, not me (I'm still sorry, Amy). At the Miller household, I discovered that sometimes other girls burp out loud, too. We could laugh at and encourage each other to burp as loud (and long) as possible without ridicule. I'd have to say Anne was epic. Amy was a master. I was lame but improved over time. I hope this admission doesn't come across as crude or disrespectful to the Miller family :) I loved every roadtrip I got to take with their family or with Amy... Superior, Hebron (!), Fort Kearny, Kansas City, North Platte... I can't even recall all the places. So with that being said, I want to express my most sincere and heartfelt sympathies to your entire family. My own family is currently walking the dreaded path of Dementia and Alzheimer's with our parents, respectively. We feel your pain, and understand the frustration and grief. My heart goes out to each of you, being helpless spectators in the progression of the disease. I had planned to attend either Jerry's visitation or funeral, but am currently in isolation from direct Covid exposure. Oh what a time we're living in. Please know my hugs, prayers, and BIG love are with you all. XOXOXO, Jill (Kahle) Baker

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Jill Baker - January 15, 2022 at 02:34 PM



*Oh, Jill, what a wonderful tribute. We always loved having you at our house and on trips. What a great friend you were to Amy!*

**Rosemary Miller** - January 16, 2022 at 08:42 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Miller.*



January 14, 2022 at 05:31 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Miller.*



January 13, 2022 at 03:18 PM



“ *Jerry was a fellow classmate of mine really did not know him until our paths crossed while on a bus tour his wife Rosemary intrrouced us.Found Jerry to be a pretty nice guy.Glad our paths crossed once again .Heaven recieved a very nice youn man.our deepest sympathy Rosemary. hugs Ron and Sandy Jobman*

**Ron and Sandy Jobman** - January 13, 2022 at 02:26 PM

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“ *Barbara Roberts lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Miller*



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**Barbara Roberts** - January 13, 2022 at 09:22 AM

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**Barbara Roberts** - January 13, 2022 at 08:12 AM

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“ *Barbara Roberts, Anne's Mother In Law lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Miller*



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**Barbara Roberts, Anne's mother in law** - January 13, 2022 at 08:04 AM

YF

“ *Your Medical Solutions Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jerry L. Miller.*



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**Your Medical Solutions Family** - January 13, 2022 at 07:58 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Miller.*



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January 12, 2022 at 09:16 PM



“ *Rick & Alison Felix purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry L. Miller.*



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**Rick & Alison Felix** - January 11, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Your KC family purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Jerry L. Miller.*



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**Your KC family** - January 11, 2022 at 12:13 PM



“ *Steve & Judy Fisher lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Miller*



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**Steve & Judy Fisher** - January 10, 2022 at 11:59 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Mary Klein** - January 10, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Miller.



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January 10, 2022 at 10:01 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Miller.



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January 10, 2022 at 09:17 PM

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“ *Timarree* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Jerry L. Miller.



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**Timarree** - January 07, 2022 at 10:03 PM

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“ *Stacey's Tribe purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jerry L. Miller.*



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**Stacey's Tribe** - January 07, 2022 at 12:36 PM