



Richard C. Miller

June 25, 1950 - May 1, 2014

Miller, Richard C, age 63. Beloved husband of Debbie, Loving son of Charles & Kathleen. Loving brother of Jim (Breeda), Joan (Greg) Orlick, Janet (Bill) King, Bill (Ronnie) and John (Debbie). Loving uncle and friend. Rich's life was truly rich. His natural curiosity and enthusiasm for all that life had to offer amazed his family and friends. He married the love of his life, Debbie Uzelac May 17 1992 and together they built a life based on love and service to others. Rich was a Landscape Architect and owner of Avant Gardens, a board member and cellist of the Livingston Symphony Orchestra and former president and fire fighter with the Hamburg Fire Department. He worked as a social worker and teacher working with troubled youth at Boysville. He was a gold medal winner of the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta. Rich was an author, a musician, a craftsman, an athlete, a sous chef. A natural musician, Rich played concert cello, oboe, flute, guitar, piano, harmonica, and banjo. He enjoyed sports, always looking to learn and experience something new - he played hockey, football, polo, tennis and curling. He enjoyed fencing, backpacking, cycling and sailing. He loved old sports cars and classic wooden boats. He enjoyed cartoons, silly movies, good wine, folk and classical music and he was a snappy dresser. He loved his family and his friends and was never too busy to stop and chat and share his dreams and learn about other's dreams. Rich Miller made the world a more beautiful place, imagine what he will do in Heaven. Visitation and a celebration of Rich's life will be held Sunday, May 4 at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church from 6:00 - 9:00 PM.

Funeral Mass Monday, May 5 at 10:30 AM at St Thomas A' Becket, 555 S. Lilley Rd. Canton, MI 48188. To honor Rich, his family asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to a trust in Rich's name. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to: Dillon and Dillon PLLC IOLTA, P.O. Box 710 Hamburg, Michigan 48139. Funds will be used to offset illness-related expenses and given to charity in Rich's name. To share a memory of Rich please use the View and send condolences tab on this website.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard C. Miller*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *It was a decade ago that I was briefly employed by Rich. Even though we parted ways, I respected him immensely. May you rest in peace old soul.*

Gary - May 17, 2016 at 04:38 PM



“ *I was a friend of Rich, back when he lived on Rosedale. Spent many hours cruising in his Triumph TR4. Music, politics, sports, cars....Rich was interested in everything. Always great conversation with Rich. Unfortunately I lost track of him along the way.He was good man.*

Phil DiCicco - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

CS

“ I am a Minister of Jehovah's Witnesses my wife and I would like to give you and your family our deepest sympathy for the lost of your loved one. We would like to leave you with these words of encouragement from Gods word the Bible. At Job 14:14 it ask the question, "If a man dies, shall he live again?," The bible makes the promise: Your dead love ones will live...They will rise up. The bible also says, The righteous themselves will possess the earth and they will reside forever upon it. Isaiah 26:19;Psalms 37:29. May you find comfort in these scriptures and in the loving memories of your loved one. If you have any questions or concerns about the lost of your loved one feel free to email us at ctksdk@yahoo.com Sincerely, Carlos & Sandy

Carlos & Sandy - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

GB

“ I graduated from Cabrini High School in Allen Park with Rich and recall many conversations that we had many times about hunting and his love of the outdoors. He and I were partners either in Biology or Advanced Biology and we had to provide blood samples of our own blood probably to show blood type. It was suggested that we use the lancet on each other rather than to take our own sample. I held my finger and he poked me and I was able to provide the required sample. When I used the lancet on his finger, I poked it so hard that he had some bleeding under his finger nail. Of course, I felt awful and can still remember him shouting..."Ouch"! My most sincere condolences to all members of his family. Greg

Greg Bader - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

NA

“ That was the most beautiful funeral I have ever attended. So fitting for the wonderful man Rich was. May God hold you both in his heart.

Nancy Austin - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

LS

“ *Debbie, we are so sorry to have heard of your loss. Our condolences and prayers go out to you in this time of loss. Rich will be missed. He was a fine man and we remember him well from your days at St. Francis in Ecorse. Linda Lozo April Lozo Tony Seger*

Linda Lozo, April Lozo & Tony Seger - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

RK

“ *It was such a blessing to be at Rich's liturgy today. How fitting. Heaven is waiting for people like him*

Richard Kelly - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

ET

“ *I am so sorry; I cry for you and for all of us. But, yes, Heaven has become even more beautiful with Rich's arrival - and at Easter time! What a beautiful time to join The Saints!*

Elaine Taro - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

JA

“ *To honor Rich is to remember the legacy of love that he left for all those who were privileged to know him. I will always be grateful for our conversations about art and horses, for the brief stint where we played tennis (before I had kids and was in better shape!) and for the love he offered to our family, be it the bond he shared with my husband, Mike, the fun we had during Euchre games between Debbie and me, Mike, and Rich, and especially when he got down and wrestled and played with our daughters. May God's peace be with those he leaves behind, and may we always remember the joy he gave others. God Bless you, Rich, forever friend.*

Jill Angell - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

MK

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Miller family. Rich was a wonderful person. He loved and was loved by all. I know he touched many lives. He is now an angel in heaven as he was here on earth. I know he is there with God watching over everyone.

Meody King - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

MB

“ Holding you in prayer....

mary therese and bob - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

JK

“ Rich was a true renaissance man. He was successful at whatever he did. No matter what he was doing though he always made time to talk.

*He made the world a more beautiful place. He will be missed.
Hugs and prayers, Debbie.*

Judy and Michael Kelly - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

FD

“ Jsnet I am so sorry for your loss you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Fran Deming - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

DK

“ *Debbie, Our deepest condolences and prayers to you and the entire Miller family. Rich was a both a friend and one of the truly unique individuals that I have ever known. I was continually amazed at all of the interests he pursued and the skills that he possessed. We were fortunate enough to know him over many decades and he will be dealy missed. All of our Love, Donagh & Sue*

Donagh and Sue Kelly - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

GG

“ *My prayers and thoughts are always with you!you need not ask I will always be there if you need anything. I love you all!*

Gail Gilpin - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

AH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Debbie, My family will keep you in our prayers.*

Adelle Horton - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

BK

“ *My thoughts and prayers to all of you, whose lives Rich touched. I didn't know Rich personally, but came to know him through my dear friends, Jim and Breeda, and through them, I came to understandl what a wonderful man he was. He will be missed by many and I am so sorry for your loss.*

Love, Beth

Beth Kennedy - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

SH

*“ I was sad to hear of your dear husband's passing. My neighbor, Joan Orlick, always spoke so glowingly of all her brothers and sisters so I felt that I already knew your family. Debbie, my heart goes out to you in the suffering you are enduring and trying to make sense of this sudden loss.
May God bless you and your family.*

Sue Hansen - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

JO

“ Rich was my brother, my friend, my hero. I loved him so much and was in awe of everything he did. He accomplished so much. I know that he is with God and I was blessed to have Rich in my life.

Joan Miller Orlick - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

KP

“ We were so blessed to have had the pleasure of playing in pit orchestras with Rich. the fun,laughs and good times are truly memories that we will cherish forever. Debbie our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless

Ken and Rene' Pietryga - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

CF

“ My deepest condolences to you Debbie and your family. I truly can say I know how you feel. May God be with you today and always during this difficult time

Cindy Flynn - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

KB

“ Prayers to all of you in Rich's life. Debbie-you helped me through a couple of real tough times, I wish I could do the same! God bless you.

Kathi Barker - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

LK

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the entire Miller family. Though I never knew Rich directly, I can see that he was an amazing person who brought special gifts to the world. Since I am also a music lover I will keep my ears tuned toward Heaven in hopes I'll hear him playing one of his many instruments; so sorry I missed hearing him play while he was here on earth. May God bless Debbie with peace. To my friends Breeda and Jim, thank you for sharing with me; you are in my prayers. ??

Lori Kucyk - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

PB

“ Truly Angels welcomed him ..His life and his gifts honored God. Our love for Debbie makes his death so poignant . Debbie and Rich have been a strong example of love. The journey of his illness has been so difficult for her and all of his loved ones. Our prayers have been with you all as you watched, worried, cried, and prayed by Rich's side. Words can not convey how much we care. At any time we are here for support. May GOD hold you in the palm of his hand each day. Patti and Dennis bien

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