



Dr. Ray George Miller Jr.

July 13, 1926 - May 28, 2022

Dr. Ray George Miller, Jr., age 95, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2022 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his father Ray George Miller, mother Grace Luckey Miller and sister Dorothy Miller Marks.

Ray was an accomplished educator, graduating from Jackson High School, receiving his B.S. degree from Southeast Missouri State University, Master's degree from SIU-Carbondale, and Ph.D. from St. Louis University. Ray was principal of Washington School and Franklin School in Cape Girardeau. In St. Louis, principal of Goodall School and Edgar Road School. Ray completed his career as Director of the International School of Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

He served as President of the Missouri Association of Elementary School Principals and on the Board of Directors of the Institute of Reality Therapy.

Ray was a member of the St. Louis Shriners and volunteered at the Shriners Hospital for children and many other organizations.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Virginia Lee (Koch) Miller and children, Pamela (Philip) Luetkemeyer and Cynthia (Vincent) Falvo; his seven grandchildren, Lindsay (Ryan) Snyder, Jennifer (Joseph) Fletcher, Megan

Anes, James (Samantha) Luetkemeyer, Michael Luetkemeyer, John (Erika) LaPresto, and Suzanne Falvo and 11 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, June 10, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Cape County Memorial Park, Cape Girardeau by Reverend Ellen Gurnon of First Presbyterian Church.

A celebration of life will be held late summer in Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children/St. Louis or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Virginia and family,
Sorry to hear about your dear husband’s passing. I just happened to see this today. He was a great neighbor on St Clair Ave in St Louis! Always a laugh and always a life lesson about one thing or another! You have so many wonderful memories to hold close !
Fondly,
Julie Jundt Schaberg and Jackie Jundt*

julie schaberg - July 01, 2023 at 08:54 PM

SR

“ *He was a wonderful man who truly cared for his students & staff. When I was born he went out to the playground to let my brother know he had a baby sister. I was lucky to be one of his Goodall students. God blessed us with him. May God bless his wife & family always! My heart ❤️ goes out to them & their loss.*

Sandy Reid - June 08, 2022 at 02:06 PM

MG

“ *Hi, Millers. Mark Goodwin, here. Been thinking much about Ray the past several days. Fished at Stoney Battery last weekend, a place Ray so enjoyed. Today I fished a local pond that, several years ago, I fished with Ray and Dad. It was the last time I fished with Ray. We caught fish that day. Our goal was to catch enough fish for a fish fry. Every time Ray reeled in a fish he said in a song-song way, with his big bass voice: “Oh, I’m the meat man!” He brimmed with enthusiasm and loved to fish—just a great outdoor companion. What fun we had over the year and what fine memories we made!*

Mark Goodwin - June 07, 2022 at 10:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Ray George Miller Jr..*



June 06, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *I am sorry for the loss of Ray Jr. I have wonderful memories of Jay Jr., Uncle Ray, Aunt Grace and my other Miller cousins. I hope all your memories will help sustain you during this sad time. Lovingly, Judith Miller Ritgerod Rhodes*

Judith Miller Ritgerod Rhodes - June 01, 2022 at 11:33 PM



“ *Saddened to learn of Ray Jr's passing; but know he is at peaceful rest. He had a fine, distinguished career as an educator/administrator. As a relative we owe he and his daughters a HUGE debt of gratitude for their dedicated/thorough genealogical work in detailing our family history. Not everyone can know and state their history--especially that history/timelines of one of Cape County's (and, Missouri's) pioneer families. We will be forever grateful!
George M. & Kris Miller; Matthew, Jason, Katherine (Eastin), Daniel Miller Families*

George M Miller - June 01, 2022 at 10:24 PM