



Wyman L. Miller Jr.

April 21, 1943 - August 15, 2021

Wyman L. Miller Jr., 78, a 40 year resident of Fort Myers, was called home by our Lord on Sunday, August 15, 2021, following an extended illness. Wyman passed peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Wyman was born in Toledo, Ohio on April 21, 1943, to Wyman L. Sr. and Pauline (Hogle) Miller. As a youth, Wyman was a paperboy and worked for the local farmers helping pick corn during harvest season. This work experience, at such a young age, helped to develop a strong work ethic throughout his life.

He graduated in 1961 from Central Catholic High School, in Toledo, Ohio. Wyman was a member of the Glee Club and lead singer in all the school musicals throughout his high school years. Above all his extracurricular activities, Wyman's passion was football. He played on the Varsity Team all four years as offensive and defensive tackle. In his senior year he was Co-Captain, MVP and made All City and All State 1st Team. After high school he attended the University of Toledo where he continued to play football, and later attended University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

On August 26, 1961, Wyman married his lifelong best friend and high school sweetheart, Paulette Burkard.

The year 1961 marked the beginning of Wyman's career. He started working

for the Ohio Government, with duties in the Civil Defense Department for Lucas County. He stayed there until 1964 then moved to Deputy Treasurer for the county's Treasury Department. After his time with the County Government, he went on to work in Distributions at the Post Office in Toledo, Ohio. In 1969, Wyman took the position of Programmer with Kiser Jeep/American Motors. He advanced through the company over the next twelve years, leading to several corporate promotions. During his automotive career, Wyman's family relocated from Toledo, Ohio to New Berlin, Wisconsin in 1975; followed by Kenosha, Wisconsin in 1977.

Wyman and his family moved to Fort Myers Beach, Florida in 1981. He started a new career with a joint venture with his sister-in-law and her husband, Tom and Fran Myers. They opened and operated several successful retail businesses on Fort Myers Beach; "The Sand Dollar" a women's apparel store and "Heaven to 7" with the addition of a children's and men's department. During this time Tom and Fran purchased the Red Coconut RV Park on Fort Myers Beach and Wyman was the first person they hired. He became the General Manager/CEO and worked there until his retirement in 2013 at the age of 70, following 30 years of service to the company.

Wyman was a devout Catholic and in 1990 when he moved off the island into his current home in Fort Myers, he joined Our Lady of Light Catholic Community Church. Wyman served as a Eucharistic Minister for over 20 years. Wyman was a Knights of Columbus Charter Member of Council 10498 OLOL where he served as Grand Knight and former District Deputy. Wyman also was a member of the 4th Degree Assembly 2542 Our Lady of the Rosary. Wyman also served on the board of directors of the Catholic education awareness fund for the Knights of Columbus.

When he was not working to take care of his family or serving his church, Wyman had many interests. During his time in Ohio, he would go deer and

bear hunting in the upper peninsula of Michigan in the fall. He enjoyed a nice game of golf, watching boxing matches, or attending hockey and football games. When hockey finally came to Fort Myers in 1998 Wyman became a season ticket holder for the Florida Everblades and a member of their Booster Club. Wyman enjoyed attending the out of state bus trips and rarely missed a home game.

Wyman enjoyed spending weekends in his pool and working in his yard, keeping it well manicured. He would always be heard singing or whistling at family cookouts while being around his grill. Wyman was a kind, fair and honest man. He had a great sense of humor and lived his life to the fullest.

Wyman is survived by his loving wife Paulette Miller, of 60 years, his three daughters: Angela (Tom) Finau, Sandra (Scott) Glase, Pamela (Ivan) Bestrom; seven grandchildren: Tommy, Amanda, Michael, Nicholas, Christina, Catherine and Sarah; and 3 great-granddaughters, Rebecca, Rachel, and Rowan. Also surviving is his sister, Brook Miller Jones along with several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 11:00 AM in Our Lady of Light Catholic Community in Estero.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to Our lady of Light Knights of Columbus Council #10498 (Catholic Education Awareness Fund).

To sign Wyman's guest register or leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
(239) 267-7088

Tribute Wall



“ *Wyman L. Miller Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wyman L. Miller Jr..*



August 30, 2021 at 08:37 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Miller family. Wyman was a dear friend to our family and have many fond memories of working together. I remember he was a rock during storms at the Red Coconut, keeping us calm. He always was the first to arrive and have coffee made. He always took time to listen and give good advice. Thank you for those times and memories, maybe I didn't tell you enough how much we all cared for you. But we did. Rest In Peace. Liz Perchoux and Scott family.*

Lizanne Perchoux - August 26, 2021 at 11:57 AM



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



August 24, 2021 at 11:57 AM

LG

“ *Lisa and Mike Garvis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wyman L. Miller Jr..*



Lisa and Mike Garvis - August 24, 2021 at 09:54 AM

LG

“ *We met Wyman at Our Lady Of Light Catholic Church. We were blessed to have known him for the time that we did. Wyman is a beautiful soul and though he may not be on this plane with us now, his light will always shine bright. Even though there is joy in the homegoing, there is sorrow in your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. With deep and heartfelt sympathy!*



Lisa and Mike

Lisa Garvis - August 24, 2021 at 09:47 AM

AG

“ *Was a great friend during our high school days. Chew-chew and home. So long old friend. Albert Geha*

Albert Geha - August 23, 2021 at 07:39 PM

NB

“ I'm fortunate that there's just too many memories to share about my grandfather, Wyman. His most prominent trait in my eyes will always be how friendly and extroverted he was towards people in public. Everybody knew Wyman, and when I attended hockey games with him, I felt like I was part of his paparazzi. He always had people eager to say hello to him! I'd like to thank him for setting a great example on how to always greet new people politely and kindly. I will carry that with me for the rest of my life.

Nicholas B. - August 23, 2021 at 05:39 PM

BM

“ To all the Miller family.

Please accept our sincere condolences.

Wyman and I were neighbors and class mates at St Charles and Central Catholic.

I have so many fond memories of him. We pulled lots of pranks on each other at St Charles, for which I think he got the best of me.

It was so good to see him and Paulette at a Central Catholic reunion in Florida about 6 years ago.

May he rest in peace and you be at peace.

Sincerely,

Bob Moore

Bob Moore - August 23, 2021 at 03:06 PM

LT

“ TO THE WYMAN L MILLER, JR FAMILY
THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC CLASS OF 1961 JUST CELEBRATED
OUR 60TH YEAR CLASS REUNION.

DURING THIS WEEKEND WE ALSO SHARED OUR PRAYERS
FOR PAULINE AND THE MILLER FAMILIES.

Larry, Dyan, Aletha & Damian Tomczak, Toledo, Ohio

God Bless You All !!!

Larry Tomczak - August 23, 2021 at 11:23 AM

HE

Wyman loved his family very much and will continue to watch over you, especially his wife, and also his friends who will carry a hole in our heart. He will be missed by many people and there will be a vacuum in the neighborhood where he lived. Will send warm thoughts and prayers to all who will miss him, especially Paulette.
Helen.

Helen - August 23, 2021 at 04:33 PM

KD

“ Wyman and I met in St Charles first grade. He and I and Paulette graduated from Central Catholic High school in 1961. I have been privileged to remain friends with them these past seven decades. Wyman was a true gentleman. He loved his family, his friends and his church. A truly good man. I will miss his laugh and sense of humor. Rest in peace Wyman. Your life was well lived.

Kathleen Deck - August 22, 2021 at 03:30 PM

TT

“ We have too many memories of Uncle Wyman to post online. We will continue to share them with all of our family for many years to come. Uncle Wyman is tucked safely inside so many hearts and he is now with his parents and ancestors in heaven. One thing that tells you everything you need to know about Mister Wyman Miller is that he loved to whistle. Can you really think of anybody these days that still whistles? We bet you are not able to. He came from simpler times when people still did all sorts of marvelous things that did not involve the digital era. And he was many excellent things to many different people. Above all else though, he was a happy family man that whistled. His favorite rock group was Chicago. He was a hard-working gentleman with friendly aww shucks values. His priorities were a trinity- Faith- Family and Friends. Uncle Wyman used a small economy of words, but when he spoke, you listened. You listened because you respected him. He was a family patriarch that will continue to inspire and guide us all. He lives on in heaven and his greatest legacy is his family. They surrounded him with love as the veil between the two worlds lifted and it must have been so difficult for him to go. Until we meet again, we love you, Uncle.

Tommy Myers and Dian Tapscott - August 21, 2021 at 06:30 PM