



Joe Van Miller, Sr.

June 5, 1927 - December 17, 2012

Joe Van Miller, Sr., 85, of Salisbury passed away Monday, December 17, 2012 at his home.

Born June 5, 1927 in Salisbury, he was the son of the late Jessie Fleta Click Miller and Thomas Lemuel Miller, Sr. He was educated at Woodleaf school and graduated in 1944. He was a veteran of the United States Navy during World War II.

Mr. Miller was employed for Duke Power Company for 31 years at the Buck Steam Station before retiring in 1984.

He loved gardening, fishing at Kure Beach fishing pier, shopping for shoes and spoiling his grandchildren.

He was a member of Stallings Memorial Baptist Church, the "Launch Pad" Sunday School Class and served on the Finance Committee. He was also a member of the Harold B. Jarrett American Legion, Post 342, and the Spencer Moose Lodge #2019.

The youngest and last of 8 brothers and sisters, he was also preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Flora Josephine Hayworth Miller on February 19, 2003.

Those left to cherish his memory are his sons, Joe Van Miller, Jr. and wife, Jacqueline of Salisbury, Mark Miller and wife Pamela of Fernandina Beach, FL and Eric Miller and wife Cindy of Rowlett, TX; dearest friend, Helen Gordon of Salisbury; grandchildren, Craig, Christina, Andrew, Ashby, Katie, Austin, Kara, Caleb, Joseph, 7 ½ great grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces.

A celebration of his life will be conducted 10:00 AM – Saturday (Dec 22) at Stallings Memorial Baptist Church with the Rev. Charlie Bryan, officiating. Mr. Miller will lie in state 30 minutes before the service. Interment will follow at Bethel Lutheran Church Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites conducted by the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 PM Friday at Summersett Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Stallings Memorial Baptist Church, 817 S. Main St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Miller family. Online condolences may be made to www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Working in "Mr. Joe's Garden" gave me some great memories and provided much-needed solace when I was in need. I will miss swapping stories with Mr. Joe in the carport with his family after picking the garden. Godspeed, Mr. Joe.##imported-begin##Beth Cook##imported-end##

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“ Sincere sympathy to the entire Miller family. May your days be filled with fond memories and your burden lightened knowing others care.##imported-begin##Maria Freeman##imported-end##

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“ My condolences to Uncle Joe's family. I have many fond memories of our trips to Salisbury##imported-begin##Dave Gray##imported-end##

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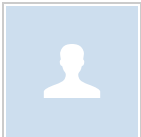
“ Joe was my last surviving uncle and since he was only about 8 years older than I, he was more like the Big Brother I never had. Our homes were only about 200 feet apart, so I saw Joe, G'Pa and G'ma Miller almost every day as I grew up.

When Joe and Flora were first dating and I was about 13, they would take me on dates with them. Bowling, movies, ballgames. Can you imagine?

I think it was Will Rogers who said "I never met a man I didn't like." Well I never met a man who didn't like Joe.

Farewell and Godspeed to you Uncle, friend and "BigBro."
Gerald Parker, Aiken, SC###imported-begin##GERALD
PARKER###imported-end##

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“ Van, Mark and Eric,

"Uncle" Joe will sorely be missed. He and your Mom always treated us Parker boys with love during all our visits to Grandpa Charlie's house. I was fortunate to see him as an adult many times and was glad Teena got to know him.

Sincerely,

Brian and Teena Parker###imported-begin##Brian & Teena
Parker###imported-end##

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“ *Sorry for the loss of your father. I met Joe at the YMCA and he became a great friend. He was there to give me words of comfort when I lost my husband to a brain tumor. He always had a smile on his face. He enjoyed sharing fruits and vegetables from his garden. He will be greatly missed. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren. He talked about you often.*

Micki Karriker##imported-begin##Micki Karriker##imported-end##

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