



## Gerald Lee Miller Jr.

March 22, 1967 - April 18, 2024

Gerald (Jerry) Lee Miller, Jr. passed away the morning of Thursday, April 18, 2024, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, MI.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 37 years, Diane and their children, Ashleigh (David) Jarrod, Anderson (Andrew), and Arica. He loved his kids more than anything and could not have been prouder of them. He is also survived by lights of his life grandchildren, Aiden, Connor, Adaline, Stella, Henry, Isaac, and Michael; siblings, Jason (Nikki) Miller, and Tori Miller; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins, his father and mother-in-law, Pastor Ken (Sally) Doss.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald Lee Miller, Sr. and Sheryl Miller; grandparents, Ivan and Elizabeth Jenkins, and Larry and Pearl Miller; a niece, Jalynn Miller; a granddaughter, Evelyn "Figgie" Grace Gardner and four grand-angels.

Jerry was born on March 22, 1967, and raised in Kalkaska, Michigan where he met and married Diane Anderson at New Life Assembly of God. They were blessed with four children in five years.

He was an avid Detroit Red Wings Fan and was almost giddy working as security during Training Camp. He could put a smile on anyone's face and loved being surrounded by the people he most cared for, no matter if it was during a good meal, a card game or both. Jerry looked forward to his many adventures with his bro, Jason. White Fang and Nanook forever!

Sundays were for coffee with his cousin, Jeff, and church. He began working

at Glen's Market as a teenager, just like his father and grandfather before him. To better support his growing family, Jerry moved into the oil and gas industry forming many great and lasting relationships. In 2010, he moved up the ladder, relocating to Thermopolis, WY until returning to Kalkaska in 2023. He quickly fell in love with the western lifestyle and made many more friends, including Mike Carter, who he considered his "Wyoming dad". Jerry highly respected Carter and enjoyed playing golf with him. Although Jerry was very successful as "Safety Guy", his greatest success was being Papa. He will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of his rich and colorful life will be at the Kalkaska Church of Christ on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with the family receiving friends at 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. You are invited to bring your own written memories of Jerry so that they can be shared among his friends and family.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Church of Christ  
1725 W. Kalkaska Rd  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

## Celebration of Life

MAY 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

YF

“ *Your Bobcat Fam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Lee Miller Jr..*

Your Bobcat Fam - May 14, 2024 at 04:23 PM

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“ *Your Bobcat Fam purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gerald Lee Miller Jr..*



Your Bobcat Fam - May 14, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Miller Jr..*



May 14, 2024 at 03:20 PM

DN

“ *Deborah Pat Newell lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lee Miller Jr.*



Deborah Pat Newell - April 22, 2024 at 04:28 PM

RO

*Diane and family, I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was giving it a good fight, but I am sure he was exhausted. I am so sorry your family has has so much loss in the last year and a half. Just know you have much love and support from so many. My thoughts and prayers are with you and I am only phone call away if I can do anything. May God give you all strength during this difficult time. Love to Y'All !*

*Patty Rodgers*

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**Rodgers** - April 23, 2024 at 11:17 AM

JN

*Diane and family,  
Jerry and I became friends many years ago. Jerry always made time to call and check in with me. He was a great friend and we would talk for long hours about our lives and past good times. I was saddened that I didn't know of his failing health.  
My prayers go to you and your family.  
Jerry miss you my friend!  
God bless!!*

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**Jason Neeley** - March 22, 2025 at 10:50 AM