



James R. Miller

March 15, 1941 - November 3, 2025

James R. Miller, age 84, of Florissant, Missouri, passed away peacefully November 3, 2025. He was born on March 15, 1941, in Ava, Illinois, to Ernest Robert and Dera Ellen (nee: Van Hoy) Miller. He married Martha McKinnerney on June 30, 1961 at Grace Assembly of God Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

James was preceded in death by his first-born son, Rodney Miller; his parents, Dera and Ernest Miller; his twin sister, Joyce Strange; his brother, Irvin Miller; his daughter-in-law, Dana Miller (nee: McNabb), and his step-granddaughter, Jaclyn Gold.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Martha Miller (nee: McKinnerney); his children, Timothy (Carla) Miller, Janet (James) Savkovich, and Jonathan (Chris) Miller; his grandchildren, Ted Miller, Nick Miller, Sam (Airicka) Savkovich, Laurie Savkovich, and Alistine Savkovich; and his great-grandchildren, Audrie Savkovich and Gabriel Gonzalez.

James is also survived by his siblings, Lois (Daniel) Green and Kenneth (the late Wanda) Miller; his step-grandchildren, Michelle Gold and Jayme (Joseph) Gold; and his step-great-grandchildren, Alyssa Millburg, Jason Gold, Kaden Schroeder, and Rainey Brosch. He also leaves behind his honorary son, Brian (Cat) Kennedy. James was a dear uncle, cousin, and friend to many.

James graduated from O'Fallon Technical High School in St. Louis, Missouri. He worked for Union Electric until his retirement in 1996. He was known for his strong work ethic, his faithfulness, and his kind, generous spirit. After retirement, he made daily exercise a part of his routine and continued to live an active, joyful life.

James was a member of Chatham Bible Church in Hazelwood, Missouri. He faithfully attended church his entire life. He cherished spending time with friends and family and was known for his hospitality. He loved opening his home to others for gatherings, celebrations, and holidays.

A man of many interests, James loved playing dominos, tinkering with electronics, and practicing photography in his younger years. He had a lifelong love of animals—both wild and domestic—and always had pets, especially cats and dogs.

He had a deep appreciation for music, particularly classical and gospel, and enjoyed watching classic Westerns such as Gunsmoke, The Rifleman, and Bonanza.

Above all, James was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He set a powerful example of faith, integrity, and kindness for his children. Family trips, outdoor adventures, and visits to relatives in Illinois created lasting memories for all who loved him.

James will be deeply missed and fondly remembered for his warmth, faith, and the love he shared with all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in James' name to Chatham Bible Church (<https://chathambiblechurch.org/giving>) or Alzheimer's Association. (<https://www.alz.org/greatermissouri>)

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood

10301 Big Bend Road
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Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 10. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Ceremony

NOV 10. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Graveside

NOV 10 (CT)

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Graveside service will be immediately following funeral ceremony.

Tribute Wall

DP

“ Mike and I are so sorry to hear of Jim's death. We knew Martha and Jim at Christ Covenant church and we spent a weekend together at a cabin. We had a lot of fun that weekend.

Deborah Pitezal - November 09, 2025 at 09:21 PM

LC

“ Rip Jim, Jim always took the time to help me fix things around my house. My energetic cat tipped a tiffany floor lamp over. Jim put a new on off switch on it along with a piece where the light bulb screws into. He gave me a big mason jar (with a sock on it for some reason) full of screws. He helped me with my door lock to the garage. He never objected me sitting by him in church pew. And yes: he was a fun domino player.

Laura Cooley - November 09, 2025 at 05:13 PM

SM

“ Martha,

We were so saddened to hear of your loss. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

You and Jim raised such a wonderful son. Jonathan is a very kind, caring and thoughtful person. We couldn't have asked for a better son-in-law.

Bill and Sandy McCrary

Sandra McCrary - November 09, 2025 at 12:09 PM

RH

“ Deepest Condolences to Bro. Jim's family in his passing. Fond memories of the times shared serving and worshipping together at Overland Assy. of God. Always appreciate his kind demeanor and faith in his Lord. Prayers for the family, as I know he will be deeply missed. Blessings

Rev. Dewayne & Sharon Hardcastle - November 08, 2025 at 11:03 AM

JC

“ Martha you & Jim were a big support and encouragement to Pastor David & I when we were at Christ Covenant. We saw your strong dedication to the Lord and a beautiful friend to us that continued after we moved . Am looking forward for all of us together in Heaven rejoicing at the feet of Jesus . Prayers for you & the family ❤️🙏

Jan Coryell - November 07, 2025 at 01:58 PM

SJ

“ Steve, Mystie, Grace, Alex and Josh purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James R. Miller.



Steve, Mystie, Grace, Alex and Josh - November 06, 2025 at 09:51 PM

KW

“ Ken, Lois, Dan and Wes purchased the Divine Light for the family of James R. Miller.



Ken, Lois, Dan and Wes - November 06, 2025 at 09:44 PM

BW

“ A wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Condolences to all who loved him, may his memory be a blessing.

Brenda Watson - November 05, 2025 at 10:06 PM

DP

“ I was saddened to hear of Jim's homegoing Martha. Julie joins me in sending our condolences and sympathy. We have many fond memories of our times with you both while serving at St. Paul's. I am especially remembering with joy the recomittment of your marriage we celebrated with you on the ocassion of your 60th. wedding anivresary. That was a good day! Be assured of our prayer for you, Martha, and your family as you celebrate a life well lived. Blessings and love,
Pastor Don and Julie

Don Price - November 05, 2025 at 03:23 PM

LA

“ I love and miss you very much! You were a wonderful man and you told me many wonderful stories! I thank you for everything. ❤️

laurie - November 05, 2025 at 10:53 AM