



## John R Miller

October 1, 1932 - October 6, 2023

Mr. John Richard Miller passed away peacefully at the age of 91 on October 6th 2023. He was born October 1st 1932 in Tampa Florida to Frederick Miller and Shirley Miller (nee' Cook). He was married to his high school sweetheart Joanne Miller (nee' Bagley) for 67 years. He was employed for many years with Schlitz Brewery and later with Budweiser. John also served in the United States Air Force. He was preceded in death by; father Frederick Miller ; mother, Shirley Miller, brother Fred Miller and his wife Joanne. John is survived by; daughter Terri Messina and son in law Ken Messina. He is also survived by granddaughters Chelsey Autrey, Katharine Messina, grandson Sean Messina; great granddaughter Keiley Burns, great grandson Asher Blocker and his two sisters Patsy and Clare.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

OCT **28**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Hardage - Giddens Greenlawn Cemetery  
4300 Beach Blvd  
Jacksonville, FL 32207

# Tribute Wall

AW

“ So sad to hear of his passing. I met John while working in the gift shop at AB. I remember all the fun times we had there and the many many laughs. I remember him asking me to come help get more pretzels and we would sneak and share a bag. I remember his wife Joanne would make him the same sandwich every day for lunch (pastrami I think). After years of a strong friendship and him taking me under his wing he joined our stock. Wish I would have stayed in contact more. You were a great man John Miller and thank you for the memories. Condolences to the family.

*Amy Wiggins*

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**Amy Wiggins** - January 04, 2024 at 01:08 AM

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“ I first met John when I began my career at the Budweiser Brewery in Jacksonville, FL. He immediately took me under his wing and mentored me on the brewing process and how to manage the brewing operation. I'll always remember his dry sense of humor and his red socks (which he somehow wore every day :). His willingness to share his knowledge and experience was always appreciated and really helped those he worked with to be better brewers.

He also took me on my first (and last) Kingfishing tournament...we barely made it out of the harbor! But boy did he love fishing.

John was also a very good carpenter and used his skills to hand make 2 rocking horses and a cradle for Patrick and Alison. We still have them to this day and have now passed them down to our grandchildren.

John was truly a salt of the earth guy and a very loyal friend. Our condolences go out to the Miller family and may you rest in peace John. And to echo Keith and all the AB alum..."This Bud's for You!"

Dan

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dan driscoll - October 31, 2023 at 02:58 PM

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“ Daniel D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John R Miller.

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Daniel D. - October 31, 2023 at 02:29 PM

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“ My brother, Richard loved all forms of hobbies. He assembled rifles and engraved their wooden stocks with beautiful symbols and designs. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Richard did lots of woodworking making sea shore fishing rods, canoes, small pieces of furniture like hope chests, chest of drawers, coffee tables etc. He got into photography in the eighties and made a darkroom in his backyard and developed his own photos. Richard and his wife, Joanne, spent many years doing ceramics making Christmas decorations, gifts and unique items for their home.

*Richard served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He and Joanne were married during this time and he was stationed outside Savanna GA. A few years after he was discharged he was lucky enough to go to work for Schlitz brewery as their ninth employee. He worked for them in Tampa, Memphis and New York State. After eighteen months in New York he resigned and went to work for Anheuser Busch brewery in Jacksonville.*

*John Richard was the oldest of four children of late Frederick C. and Shirley Miller. He is survived by his daughter, Terri Messina, his sisters Mary Patricia Herrmann and Clare Kaminski. His brother, Frederick J. Miller preceded him in death.*

*I loved my brother, Richard, and will miss him.*

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**Clare Miller Kaminski** - October 27, 2023 at 09:01 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**sean messina** - October 26, 2023 at 10:24 PM

HK

“ Hodgins, K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John R Miller.

Hodgins, K. - October 24, 2023 at 10:12 PM

HK

“ John was a kind loving man who served proudly in the Air Force and worked for many years in the brewing industry. He took great pride that he was a hard worker , driven to give every effort to assure the job was done right. He loved the outdoors and to exchange stories of experiences we both had brewing beer and fishing. I was always touched by his devotion to his work and more so for the love he had for his wite Joanne. He cared for her until he could no longer physically do it. It was his life’s passion to make sure she was always comfortable and at peace. When she passed he was devastated. His heart was truely broken. John lived a full life. He was proud of what he had done. We will all miss John and his wry humor. . He is at peace now back with his beloved Joanne!! John as I have said a few times Ok quite a few “This Buds for You! Rest assured I will plant more trees in your honor!” Your old friend Keith Hodgins

Hodgins, Keith - October 24, 2023 at 10:03 PM