



## Wiley Miller

April 16, 1936 - October 29, 2020

Wiley Robert Miller, a nationally renowned artist/woodcarver, taxidermist, dedicated Marine, loving father and 30-year-long beloved resident of Boulder Junction, Wis., died on October 29, 2020, at the age of 84 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Wiley is survived by his children, Pamela Miller, Susan Miller-Crane (Steve), Jeffrey Miller (Julie Henningfield) and Timothy Miller (Cheri Serletic); his grandchildren, Dylan Ringer (Autumn Feith) and Ashley Weber (Aric); his great-grandson (Declan Weber); his siblings, Margaret Hawkins and Diane Wuttke (John). Further survived by cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Selma (Sally) Miller; his wife, Marlene (Pavlovich); and his siblings Jerald W. Miller; and longtime companion Betty Musselman.

Born in South Milwaukee on April 16, 1936, Wiley spent most of his adult life in the Wind Lake/Tichigan area of Southeastern Wisconsin.

Proud patriot and U.S. Marine, Wiley served his country as a tank commander and dedicated four years.

He married Marlene Pavlovich, raising four children until her passing in 1986.

Throughout his prolific career, Wiley was known for his detailed woodcarvings, illustrations, acrylic paintings and taxidermy. For 30 years he painted cover art for Fishing Facts magazine. When it came to his talent, Wiley often said, "We were all put on God's earth to do something."

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, who enjoyed every aspect of the great Wisconsin Northwoods.

Wiley will be fondly remembered not only for his keen perception for nature, but also for his colorful fishing stories and quick wit. He greeted everyone with a smile and made a lasting impression on everyone he met. He was a revered member of the Boulder Junction community, leaving a legacy that won't be forgotten.

A community memorial service is being planned for Sunday, November 29, at Community Church of Boulder Junction after church services. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations in Wiley's name to the American Cancer Society. A special thanks to Ascension Hospice Services for their attention and care.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **29** (CT)

Community Church of Boulder Junction  
10445 Main St  
Boulder Junction, WI 54512  
<http://www.commchbj.org>

# Tribute Wall

KW

“ I knew the man well back in the day, he was the featured artist of *Fishing Facts* magazine, my father, Don Woodruff was one of the staff writers, I do have a few of his original paintings, and the magazine to match, plus many of the watercolors that were featured throughout the magazines.

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**Kurt Woodruff** - May 08, 2025 at 06:56 AM

GL

“ I was feeling nostalgic today and remembered Wiley Miller from his artwork on the cover of *Fishing Facts* magazine. Never forgot , how I enjoyed those magazine covers as a teenager. Hopefully I will bounce into Wiley in Heaven when I graduate from this life, because of Christ.

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**Glenn** - June 30, 2024 at 03:20 PM



“ So sad with the passing of Willey Miller I met him when he lived at his shop and home in Southern Wisc. Spent over an hour if I remember Waterford Wisc. He had mounted a 10 lb. Walleye for my wife’s cousin and wanted him to mount a smallmouth bass which I still have today ! He was a great guy he even gave me some of his prints . Then one time bumped in to him in Minocqua at a arts and craft show we talked about old times. And said he loved it in Boulder Junction and said he should have moved up there years ago. Will surly miss him sorry for your loss! Marty Gadzinowski

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**Martin Gadzinowski** - January 14, 2022 at 09:11 PM

EH

“ Hi Jeff and family; really sorry to learn of your loss. Wiley was an interesting guy for sure. Loved talking to him in his shop. Feel strange just finding out that he passed when reading the recent scholarship mailer. I wish that we had another way of finding out about our friend. Again; sorry for the families loss as well as our town!

*my best  
ed and rosa hop*

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**ed hoppe** - December 28, 2020 at 04:23 PM

MS

“ So many memories of the Miller family in Wind Lake ,WI. He was definitely an amazing man. So many stories. My condolences to his family. RIP Wiley

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**Mark Stolz** - November 03, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ Pam, Sue, Jeff and Tim- I am very sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. So many childhood memories associated with your family- being in your Dad's workshop, being chased by giant roosters in your yard (what were they?). Prayers to all of you and RIP Wiley. Julie Bishop

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**Julie Bishop** - November 02, 2020 at 08:42 AM

DG

“ I’ll always remember Mr. Miller as a kind and generous man. As kids, Jeff and Timmy rarely spent time alone with him because I was always tagging along. Fishing, bowling, rabbit hunting, even cutting firewood, I never felt awkward because he made me feel like part of his family. At supper time, Mrs. Miller would always ask “Is Danny staying for supper?” She knew the answer. I probably ate more meals at their home than my own. The Miller’s weren’t wealthy (none of us in the neighborhood were) but they always shared what they had.

I’ll also remember a story Mr. Miller shared about Marine boot camp. Each man in the Company was required to “duck walk” up a long hill holding their rifle behind their neck. Any man not able to finish had to start over from the bottom the next day. Mr. Miller endured the pain and finished the climb on the first attempt. I think about this story when I’m tempted to procrastinate.

Rest in peace Mr. Miller. Thankfully, we will always have your art to remember you by.

Dan Grochowski

Former Wind Lake Neighbor

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Dan Grochowski - November 02, 2020 at 08:25 AM