



Douglas E. Miller

July 31, 1967 - March 11, 2026

Douglas Eugene Miller, a dedicated craftsman, veteran, father, and brother, unexpectedly passed away following a brief illness on March 11th, 2026, at his home in Berne, IN., at the age of 58. This sudden loss deeply saddens the family and close friends who knew Doug.

A 1986 Bluffton High School graduate, he proudly served his country in the Indiana National Guard. His disciplined work ethic led him to a successful career in Tool and Die and Engineering, where he found true passion. Anyone who knew or worked with Doug knew his mathematical skills were advanced, as well as his ability to master engineering naturally.

He spent many years contributing his talents to Alliance Winding, Crown Engineering, and A.T. Ferrell Co. His skills eventually took him to the Navy shipyards in South Carolina, where he resided and worked for many years. He also traveled across the globe to Egypt on a work contract, where he lived and worked in his specialty of Tool and Die for three years- an adventure that spoke to his capability and character.

While his professional life was marked by precision, his personal life was defined by his passions and his sense of humor. He was a lifelong weightlifter, a master at frying the best battered fish, and one who found great peace in the company of his animals- especially his horse, Fancy, and his loyal cat, Sheebah. Doug enjoyed the simple things life offered: spending time with family and friends, caring for his pets, and being close to those he loved.

To those who knew him, he was known as a jokester who loved making

people laugh and was always the first to offer a helping hand. His kindness left a lasting mark on his friends and his family.

He is survived by his three sons, Victor (Svitlana) Miller, Kevin (Marissa) Miller, and Douglas J. (Elizabeth) Miller, all of Bluffton, IN., six grandchildren, two siblings; a brother, Curtis Miller of Illinois, and a sister Kimberly (Ronny) Reynolds of Bluffton, IN., three step siblings, Glenda Wamsley, Bluffton, IN, Bruce (Suzanne) Harnish, Indianapolis, IN, Jill Neal Columbus, IN, and a mother, Deborah J. (Lynn) Smith of Winnebago, MN.

He is preceded in death by his father, Terry R. Miller; his sister, Brenda Miller Phillips; his stepsister, Lisa Harnish Moser; and his stepmother, Janice Miller. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 5 P.M. on Friday, March 20, 2026, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Visitation will be held from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. on Friday prior to the service. Burial will take place at a later date at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to the family, through the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 20. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas E. Miller*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 20 at 03:19 PM

MH

“ *My condolences to the family. Doug was a great guy in high school and will surely be missed.*

Mike Howell - April 09 at 09:03 PM

DA

“ *Prayers and condolences to you Deb, and to his brother and sister and his family. Love you guys.*

Dave and Linda Aker - March 19 at 06:51 PM

KR

“ *Reminiscing all the good laughs Doug and I would have. I will miss all the good times we had. Love you Brother!*



Kimberly Reynolds - March 18 at 05:57 PM

FR

“ From Mom and Lynn plant to Kim R. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Douglas E. Miller.



From Mom and Lynn plant to Kim R. - March 18 at 02:29 PM

FR

“ From Mom and Lynn plant to Kim R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas E. Miller.

From Mom and Lynn plant to Kim R. - March 18 at 02:29 PM



“ 66 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 18 at 01:49 PM

SS

“ I'd long ago lost touch with Doug but on the absolute worst day of my life when I was 11, Doug and his Dad were there for me.
RIP Doug.



Scott Stanley - March 16 at 07:15 PM



“ Scott Newell lit a candle in memory of Douglas Miller



Scott Newell - March 16 at 12:02 PM

ML

“ My Husband and I loved Doug. We always would have great laughs with him. He always made sure to check on us, and come visit to see our puppy Georgie. He will be missed dearly, and always remembered in our hearts.
Mr & Mrs. Laing



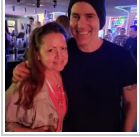
Mr. & Mrs. Laing - March 16 at 07:30 AM

MG

“ Misty Graczyk lit a candle in memory of Douglas Miller



Misty Graczyk - March 14 at 09:51 AM



“ Tracy Krieg sent a virtual gift in memory of Douglas Miller



Tracy Krieg - March 14 at 09:02 AM



“ Tracy Krieg lit a candle in memory of Douglas Miller



Tracy Krieg - March 14 at 09:01 AM