



Joseph Leland Miller

April 27, 1967 - April 19, 2026

Joseph L. Miller, 58, of Winchester passed away Sunday, Apr. 19, 2026, at his residence. He was born Apr. 27, 1967, in Jacksonville, the son of Arthur Wayne and Ellen Louise Hankins Miller. He married Jennifer Lynn Hayes, Apr. 23, 2022.

Surviving is wife, Jennifer of Winchester; children, Tristin and Trinity Miller of Winchester, Ashleigh, Drake, Brittany, Clark, Faith and Keegan; stepsons, Kyle (Hailey) Lomelino of Limerberry and Tanner Lindsey of Jacksonville; grandchildren, Eastyn and Ella Lomelino; siblings, David Miller of Merritt, Michael (Misty Davidson) Miller of Merritt and Josh (Crystal) Miller of Arenzville; in-laws, Harold R. and Jackie Hayes; sisters-in-law, Megan (David) Soth of Chicago and Mary (Deshawn) Fearson of Jacksonville; brother-in-law, Adam Hayes; several nieces and nephews and “adopted daughter,” Kayla Knox of Jacksonville. He was preceded in death by his parents, infant brother, Robert and sister, Mary Elizabeth “Beth” Miller.

Joseph graduated from mortuary school and was a funeral director in Texas for 40 years. He was a major matchbox car collector. He was a kind hearted, thoughtful, and respectful man. At the same time, he cracked jokes and was hilarious. He enjoyed his kids and grandkids along with his cats.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Cremation rites have been

accorded. Daws Family Funeral Home in Winchester is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ Joe was a good friend to me for several years. He was a great listener, he was caring, and he was the funniest person I knew at times. I am going to miss him so much. May God hold him close eternally 🙏



Carey Appolonia - April 26 at 08:20 PM

DH

“ So sorry for your lost Jennifer thoughts and prayers going your way to you and your family

Donna Hayes - April 25 at 01:39 PM

KC

“ Jennifer and Tristin, I am so very sorry for your loss. I know he will be greatly missed. Condolences and prayers for you all. 🙏



Karla Cannon - April 22 at 06:19 PM

TM

“My dad was the sweetest person ever. He would've done anything for anyone, no matter what it cost him. Even though he wasn't my “biological” dad, he was still my dad in every way that actually matters. He chose to love me, chose to be there, chose to step up when he didn't have to, and that means more than anything. Not everyone gets a person like that in their life, and I'll always be grateful that I got you. I wish we had one more drive to work, just one more morning sitting in the car together. I wish we could go to 7 brew one more time, laughing or just sitting in comfortable silence. I wish I could hear you say how are you feeling today sis just one more time like it was any normal day. I know I wasn't perfect. There were times I got mad, times I said things I didn't mean, times we didn't see eye to eye. There were moments I wish I could take back, words I wish I could replace with something softer and kinder. But none of that changes the fact that I loved you and you loved me. You were still my dad through all of it. You stayed, you cared, you showed up every single time and that is what makes a real dad. Not blood, not titles, but love, effort, and the choice to be there no matter what. You taught me more than I probably even realize yet. The way you treated people, the way you cared so deeply, the way you never hesitated to help someone in need is something I will carry with me for the rest of my life. You showed me what kindness really looks like, not just something people say but something you lived every day. Now it is the little things that hurt the most. The random moments, the small reminders, the everyday stuff that no one else would even notice but I do. A song, a place, a smell, a random thought and suddenly I am right back with you and it all hits again. It is in those quiet moments where I miss you the most. The world keeps moving but part of me still pauses wishing you were here to share it with me. I will carry those memories with me forever, the drives, the talks, the laughs, even the disagreements because every single piece of it matters to me. You did not just come into my life, you became a part of me. The way I think, the way I care, the way I love that is you in me and that will never go away. I miss you more than words can



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Trinity Miller - April 22 at 05:42 PM

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Trinity Miller - April 22 at 05:26 PM

JY

“ *He was my mentor and teacher. I learned so much from him. I'll miss him.*

JD York - April 22 at 01:40 AM

DM

“ *Dianna M. purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Joseph Leland Miller.*



Dianna M. - April 21 at 07:12 PM

DM

“ *Dianna M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Leland Miller.*

Dianna M. - April 21 at 07:12 PM

PO

“ Will miss my brother of the heart dearly! He was a main person in my life and someone I could always count on to be there when I needed someone to talk to and lean on! He always made me laugh no matter what mood I was in with all his corny funny jokes and his smart sense of humor! I will always have an empty place in my heart now that no one else could ever fill! Until I see you again brother! All my love and prayers! Paula Owens

Paula Owens - April 21 at 06:39 PM