



John Paul Miles

May 15, 1931 - May 20, 2009

Alexandria - John Paul Miles, 78, Alexandria, died May 20, 2009 at St. Johns Health System, after a brief illness. He was born May 15, 1931 in New Castle, the son of Earl and May Derrow Miles . He was a 1949 graduate of Anderson High School, served in the United States Army. He attended Ball State University and retired from Guide Division of General Motors. He was also a scout for the Atlanta Braves Organization. John was a member of the First United Methodist Church, American Legion Post #127, where he served as a past Commander, Anderson Elks BPOE #209, Forty and Eight, and TPA. John and wife, Carol, have dedicated over 21 years of tireless service to the Anderson "Hockett" American Legion Baseball team. For his efforts, John received the "Arlie Skelton Memorial Award", which recognized his outstanding contributions made toward the success of American Legion Baseball in the State of Indiana. John currently served on the Indiana American Legion Baseball Executive Board. He is survived by his wife, Carol Clock Miles; son, John Thomas Miles and his children, Ryan, Hollie and Brittany; son, William Sheila Carey Miles of Louisville, KY and their children, Killian, Owain, and Aidan; and son, Kenny Miles of Indianapolis; Great grandchild; Tyler Ryan Miles. Sister, Betty Bailey of Fort Wayne; sisters-in-law, Pat G. Miles of Anderson, Joan Miles of San Diego, CA and Ann Clock of Homer, MI. John is also survived by several nieces, nephews and many special friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Billy Miles, Larry Miles and Bob Miles; and daughter, Cynthia Ann Miles. Visitation will be

from 2-6 PM on Monday, May 25, 2009 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, South Chapel, 200 W. 53rd St., Anderson. Services will be Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 10:00 AM, at the funeral home's south chapel, with Pastor Donna Goings officiating. Burial of ashes will be in Parkview Cemetery, Alexandria, Indiana at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Stephen Hamer Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Zachary J. Novak Memorial Scholarship Fund, and Music Dept. of First United Methodist Church in Anderson. www.LooseFuneralHomes.com

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Uncle John has always been a constant in my life. He was the wonderful uncle who played board games and card games with us and stayed as long as it took for him to win, paid us a nickel to "tickle his feet" during Gunsmoke and Paladin, and celebrated with us in all our special life events--our graduations, weddings, birth of our children, our children's ball games, graduations, weddings, etc. He made the best pizza in the world. He was ahead of his time-- long before Pizza Hut and Pizza King. John made the first pizza I ever ate starting with a Chef Boy-ar-Dee mix and adding his special touches. He always had a smile, a hug, and a kiss. I remember when Aunt Carol was pregnant with Cindy, Bill, and Kenny. Uncle John called to announce their arrivals by singing Rock-a-bye Baby. I also remember when I went to spend time with them after Carol came home from the hospital with Kenny. I was planning to help with Bill. I'll just bet I was more trouble than help: But, it was so much fun. I remember rocking Kenny and helping Bill go to the bathroom. I did not know if he stood or sat so I picked him up and he wet all over me. I'll bet Aunt Carol had to clean the mess. Ha. Sorry about that, Carol. Mike and I used to spend some weekend time with John and Carol coming over from Ball State. And, when we graduated, got married, and moved to Ft. Wayne, it was Uncle John and Aunt Carol who came to visit and took us for a ride because we knew NOTHING about how to get around in Ft. Wayne. I was so impressed with his navigational skills. Of course, we also fondly remember the cars we purchased from Uncle John--the '68 Nova, the used '63 green impala, and our new '72 impala with a vinyl top. WOW. John made us a deal on that car and Mike decided to check out deals in Ft. Wayne, too. duh No one could come close to matching John's deal. I'll bet he didn't even get a commission on that one. Uncle John and Aunt Carol were wonderful models of strength after Cindy died. They leaned on and supported each other. And, somehow supported all the rest of us. I know that God helped them through that difficult time. We loved John so much and we will really miss him. But, I believe he is in a wonderful place spending time with Cindy, Bob and Larry. It gives me great comfort to have that faith. Aunt Carol, Bill, and Kenny we love you, too. You

have all been special in our lives. You again modeled that strength of faith this week. We felt so supported by you this past week, when our intention was to be there to support you. Love, Sis and Mike

Mary Johnson - May 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Carol, We wish to extend our deepest sympathy for the loss of John. Keep strong for your family.

Jim and Mae Ellen Gale - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Our family grieves with you at the loss of your father. Bill, I feel your pain as I remember, not so long ago, my own fathers passing away. We appreciate you and your family and keep you in our prayers. Steve, Laura & Susannah D.

Steve, Laura & Susannah Dragash - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Carol and family, our family is so sorry for your loss. I hope you know how much we loved John. He was one of the people I,ve ever met. he will be missed. I have nothing but good memories of the time Justin played for John. He always had faith in the boys that they could do anything. I never got tired of him talking about that triple play in 1996 or about the 1998 team. Carol we love you both if there is anything we can do for you please let us know. The Wechsler Family

gary wechsler - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM