



## James F. (Fritz) Miller

May 15, 1945 - January 24, 2024

James F. (Fritz) Miller, 78, of Cold Spring, passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at Assumption Home in Cold Spring, due to complications from Parkinson's. He was surrounded by his loving family.

The visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Sunday at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring and will continue Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church followed by the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be in the Gloria Dei Cemetery, Cold Spring, MN.

Fritz was born in Glencoe, MN to Fred and Marie (Panning) Miller on May 15, 1945. He graduated from Glencoe High School and the U of M with a degree in Agricultural Education. In 1967 he enlisted in the Marine Reserves. Upon returning he took a job with Ciba Geigy where he worked as a chemical sales rep. He married Linda Turnquist on November 16, 1968, at First Covenant Church in St. Paul, MN. He was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, where he served as council president, church elder, and youth group leader. He taught religion classes, Vacation Bible School, and songs to the preschool classes at Dei Spring Academy. Fritz enjoyed playing cards, softball, and golf. He was the pitching coach for the ROCORI girl's fastpitch team for many years. His greatest joys were going to Lutheran Island Camp with his family for the last 43 years and watching his children and grandchildren play sports and attending their various activities.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Linda; children, Tait (Heidi) Miller, Heather (Nate) Whitcomb, Andrea (Eric) Burnison; grandchildren, Amber, Reed, Aidan, Ava, Easton, Tavien, Hawkin, Paisley, and Kinsley; brothers, Darrel, Greg (Michele); many nephews, nieces, relatives, and friends. A special thank you to our dear friends, Lee and Marsha Boraas, who spent countless hours with Fritz while he was at Assumption Home.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Richard; infant brother, William and sister-in-law, Kate Miller.

Special thanks to Assumption Home and St. Croix Hospice for the loving care they gave Fritz.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church or Lutheran Island Camp.

# Cemetery Details

## Gloria Dei Cemetery

Cold Spring, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Cold Spring  
600 Red River Ave. So.  
Cold Spring, MN 56320

## Visitation

JAN 29. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
601 Red River Avenue South  
Cold Spring, MN

## Funeral Services

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
601 Red River Avenue South  
Cold Spring, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Miller family, praying for you all during this time. My dad was recently at Assumption the past few months and am sorry I didn't get to see Fritz there although passing his room a few times. My sister and I greatly enjoyed Fritz being a coach and special part of our softball experience at ROCORI, I graduated in '94 (and Heidi in '91). Sue (Gretsch) Laeupple

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**Sue Gretsch Laeupple** - February 19, 2024 at 02:44 AM

VC

“ Linda and family, we are sad to hear of death of Fritz. He was such a kind and gentle person. We remember often your visits in Arizona. Please accept our sincere sympathies and condolences.

Jan and Virgil Young  
Mesa, Arizona

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**Virgil Young, Cousin** - February 01, 2024 at 01:37 PM

SW

“ Linda and family, you are in my thoughts as I share in the sadness of Fritz' passing. You were the absolute best neighbors and friends at the lake those many years ago. Fritz was always ready to play (football, catch, ping pong, hoops) and include us in his life. So many good memories! Thank you both for coming to Mom's funeral. His wonderful smile touched me on that sad day.

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**Steve Warnert** - January 31, 2024 at 11:13 AM

DW

“ Linda, Tait, Heather, Andrea, and Miller Family,  
You have my deepest sympathy. I have so many terrific memories  
of fun times with Fritz and your family as I grew up on Big Fish  
Lake. He had the best smile and his energy was contagious. I know  
I speak for the entire Warnert family when I say he was a special to  
all of us. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Dean  
Warnert

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**Dean Warnert** - January 30, 2024 at 08:37 PM

RF

“ Such a wonderful picture and awesome smile. Hugs and prayers to  
all of your family. Rick has lots of wonderful softball and golf  
memories with Fritz. We are sorry we will not make his services. ❤️  
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**Rick and Lynn Farr** - January 30, 2024 at 12:11 PM

JV

“ I'm very sorry to hear of Fritz' passing. He was a light in this world,  
with a wonderful smile and attitude. I enjoyed having him as a  
neighbor. Linda's love for Fritz is also very touching and wonderful.  
They way she cared for him in his illness really showed their love.  
Fritz will be missed and I wish you the very best, Linda.

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**Joel Vettleison** - January 30, 2024 at 09:28 AM

TR

“ *Linda and family: Lifting you up as you celebrate Fritz and the joyful life he lived. Together you have raised a beautiful family, served your faith community, and made a difference in the lives of everyone who has met you both. May Fritz once again flash his infectious smile and let you know 'all is well' when you need it. A memorial donation has been made to Lutheran Island Camp in his name. Darrel, Greg and families...your big brother/brother-in-law/uncle has been & will be imprinted on your hearts forever. May the memories bring you peace and joy.*



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**Tricia Remus** - January 29, 2024 at 12:51 PM

FO

“ *Fr. Tom Andert, OSB lit a candle in memory of James F. (Fritz) Miller*



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**Fr. Tom Andert, OSB** - January 28, 2024 at 10:04 AM

FO

*Sincere condolences & blessings to all of you at the death of one of our best residents of Assumption. Fritz as a good friend and wonderful member of our community & we want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of grief. Best wishes, Fr. Tom*

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**Fr. Tom Andert, OSB** - January 28, 2024 at 10:07 AM

DF

“ Darrel, Greg, and Families purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of James F. (Fritz) Miller.



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**Darrel, Greg, and Families** - January 26, 2024 at 09:03 PM



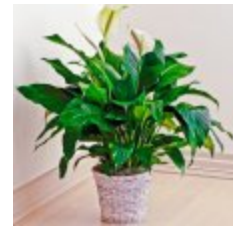
“ Tait and family, I am sorry to hear about your dad. Tina Kunkel

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**Tina Kunkel** - January 26, 2024 at 08:08 PM

HM

“ Heidi Miller purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of James F. (Fritz) Miller.



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**Heidi Miller** - January 26, 2024 at 04:53 PM

HM

“ Heidi Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James F. (Fritz) Miller.

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**Heidi Miller** - January 26, 2024 at 04:53 PM

JR

“ Fritz was always so upbeat and showed genuine interest in other people. He was especially engaging with younger people. I remember the practical jokes he played on people at Lutheran Island Camp. We will all miss him! We rejoice that he had a strong faith and is now in heaven with Jesus.

Jan Rygh - January 26, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James F. (Fritz) Miller.



January 25, 2024 at 10:16 PM

KM

“ Kirsten, Summer, & Morgan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James F. (Fritz) Miller.

Kirsten, Summer, & Morgan - January 25, 2024 at 10:16 PM

TF

“ The Joel and Elli Schwiesow Family purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of James F. (Fritz) Miller.



The Joel and Elli Schwiesow Family - January 25, 2024 at 07:07 PM

TK

“ Sending our deepest Sympathies from myself and my uncle Jerome who was his neighbor at Assumption while he was there. Thank you Linda for always saying Hi to us and checking on Jerome. We didn't know him well but he was loved my many many people and cared for very deeply by you Linda. You are true example of for better for worse, in sickness and health. May Fritz rest now pain free. We pray that memories, stories, pictures some day heal your broken hearts. So incredibly sorry for your loss.

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**Thais Kiffmeyer** - January 25, 2024 at 04:29 PM

TW

Linda and family , my deepest sympathies are extended to all of you 🙏  
. My gratitude to you Linda for sharing this giant of a man “ gift “  
with us. Memory is pouring over the joy filled moments as Fritz was  
always glowing, that smile , the glint in his eyes called us to engage in  
LIFE ... Jesus was present among us when Fritzie stood by us 💕 🙏  
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**Tom Weber** - January 26, 2024 at 04:29 PM