



## Frank E. Miller

May 31, 1929 - April 17, 2015

Frank E. Miller, age 85, passed away Friday, April 17, 2015 in St Luke's Hospital. Frank was born on May 31, 1929 in Marion Ohio to Carl and Alverta Miller and attended Marion Harding High School. On July 11, 1951 he married the former Vera Lamb at Park Creek Church in Carleton, Michigan and from 1951 to 1953 during the Korean War, Frank served in the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Frank moved to Toledo, Ohio in the 1950's as a crane operator. In 1962 the Lucas County Port Authority hired him as an equipment operator and supervisor on the overseas docks. In 1975 Frank was named the Director of the Seaport. He was instrumental in establishing the Toledo Seaport on a national and international level. Frank was the man behind the seaport's "Big Lucas" gantry crane. He designed and operated the large cargo handling crane for many years and taught many others to do the same. Frank left the port authority and started his own company, Toledo World International in east Toledo and retired in the 1990's as the owner and publisher of Business Venture Magazine.

Frank was the past president of the Council of Lake Erie Ports and the International Association of Great Lake Ports and had been a director of the American Association of Port Authorities. His interests were politics, a great game of golf, Ohio State Football and spending time on the docks at the Port Authority. He loved his family and his favorite pastime was to follow his grandchildren in all of their endeavors.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, and his son Larry. He is survived by his loving wife Vera; children Dr. Gary (Brenda) Miller, Dr. Brian (Dawn) Miller, Linda Miller; 5 grandchildren: Kurstyn (Brian) Loeffler, Chase (Nicole) Miller, Hannah, Rachel and Kelbee Miller; 1 great granddaughter Eva Mae Loeffler; daughter-in-law Vicki Miller; sister Sharron Garn; and many sister-in-laws; brother-in-laws; nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 P.M. on Sunday May 31st, 2015 In Olivet Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5840 Monroe St. Sylvania, OH 43560.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation to Olivet Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Coyle Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Please view and sign the on-line guest registry at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To Sharron Sue,  
I am very sorry for your loss. I hope you have had a happy healthy  
life.*

*Norman Spindler*

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**Norman Spindler** - June 01, 2015 at 09:45 AM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Miller family. Frank will certainly be  
missed by all  
that knew him. We first met Frank when we became neighbors in  
the late 1950's.  
May God Bless.....Barbara, Jerry and family.*

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**Jerry & Barb Santysiak** - May 30, 2015 at 12:24 PM

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“ I have many favorite memories to share about Frank such as the neighborhood gang he formed to have Bob Evans’ breakfasts, his untiring service work to The Greycliffe Community, and his great sense of humor when meeting with friends. However, my favorite memory is the time he and I were power washing the Greycliffe front brick wall after vandals had painted graffiti on it. Frank had momentarily left the site to get more paint remover when a fellow on a motorcycle saw me spraying the wall with cleaning solution. He mistakenly thought that I was there painting the graffiti myself and threatened to take me down and call the Lucas County Sheriff. Frank had returned just in time to see the fellow threaten me and laughed so hard with his deep barrel laugh that he almost fell down the hill! Frank reminded me often of the story and laughed every time as though it had just happened.

Often, I have commented to our Greycliffe friends that I want to have Frank’s energy as I grow older. He seemed to never tire and always was ready to lend a hand to those in need. He quietly contributed, completed tasks that our neighbors never realized were getting accomplished. He was a brilliant and wonderful man, one of the finest gentlemen I have had the privilege to know.

My prayers are with you Vera and your family. I will miss Frank dearly. Rest in peace my friend.

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Con Keefer - May 29, 2015 at 01:00 PM