



Mr. Hugh D. 'Toby' Miller

October 5, 1942 - April 28, 2020

Private family services for Mr. Hugh D. 'Toby' Miller will be on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Miller Funeral Home in the chapel named after him. Dr. John White, Bro. Buddy Nelson and Dr. C.O. Grinstead will be officiating. The service will be live streamed on the Miller Funeral Home and Crematory Facebook page. On Saturday, May 2, there will be a public visitation from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home. With the current COVID-19 situation we are providing the opportunity for people to come throughout the day, sign the book, while maintaining social distancing.

Mr. Miller went home to be with his Lord and Savior on April 28, 2020.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Dianne Miller; children, H. Dudley Miller Jr. (Valeri), Alesia Miller, and Patrick Miller (Shelley); grandchildren, Hugh Dudley 'Trey' Miller III, Autumn Miller, Dalton Martin, Deidre Martin, Dakota Martin, Ashlyn Miller, Wesley Miller, Kayte Boyd, Logan Boyd, Clay Boyd (Autumn); great granddaughters, Gracie Crowe and Kennedy Boyd; caretaker and adoptive son, Kenny Mayne, and a host of extended family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Hugh Bob Miller and Myrtie Miller; brothers, Benny Miller and Buddy Miller.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Howell, Paul Williams, Jerry Carter, Dwight Rice, Bruce Rice, TK Miller, Randy Beshears, and Steve Hurst. Honorary pallbearers will be the staff of Miller Funeral Home, Miller Florist and Miller Monument.

Toby and Dianne Miller established Miller Funeral Home and Crematory in April of 1970 operating under the name of Miller-Robinson Funeral Home. The Robinson name belonged to James H. Robinson, a licensed embalmer who agreed to partner with Toby Miller until the time he completed Embalming School and earned his embalmers license. Toby Miller enrolled into the funeral service program and Jefferson State Junior College in 1970 and commuted four nights a week for two years earning his degree. Initially, the business operated with Toby Miller being the only full time person and a couple of part time people.

After receiving his degree in Mortuary Science the business was relocated in 1972 to its present site at 50 Hamric Dr East. In the same year, Congressman Bill Nichols selected him to be Oxford's Outstanding Young Man of the Year. He purchased Mr. Robinson's part

of the business and officially changed the name to Miller Funeral Home.

In 1974, Toby Miller was appointed to The Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center's Board of Directors to represent the City of Oxford serving six five-year terms. During those 30 years of service, he served on many committees and was chairman on several committees. When he retired in 2005, he was serving as Vice Chairman of the Board. In 2009, he once again was asked by RMC to serve on another of its boards. He has the distinguished honor of serving more time than any other appointee. RMC is Calhoun County's second largest employer. Toby Miller was a charter member of the Oxford Quarterback Club, the Rotary Club, and organized the Oxford Rescue Squad which operated out of the funeral home for a few years.

In 2000, Toby Miller joined eight other businessmen in the organization of Cheaha Bank. Cheaha Bank has grown to serve in four locations in Calhoun County.

In 1979, Toby made the best decision he could by turning his life over to his Lord and Savior. He was currently a member of Lakeview Baptist Church. Several years ago, Toby was facing death and had a Heavenly experience where he saw his Savior. He used this story to reach out and minister to others.

While Toby was in high school, he played football and basketball. He was one of the best to play basketball at Oxford High School. He was an All County.

For many years, Toby coached little league football and basketball. During his coaching years he was able to leave an impact on several children's lives.

Toby loved old cars and attending car shows all over the South. He was a member of Bama Street Rods.

Mr. Miller was a mentor to many people and a man who truly loved God and his family. He will live in our hearts forever.

To order flowers, please visit www.millerfloristandgifts.com or call 256-835-0911

Events

MAY **Visitation** 09:00AM - 04:00PM

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Miller Funeral Home

50 Hamric Drive East, Oxford, AL, US, 36203

Comments



“ My deepest sympathy to Dianne and Toby's family. I will always have precious memories of Toby because of his solid friend relationship over the years and also as a Oxford school classmate graduating in 1961 together. He was a remarkable sports figure at Oxford High School. He was a highly respectable business man and no doubt made many contributions to the Oxford community. I'll never forget his kindness, compassion and concern for others during the final resting place arrangements for my Mother and Father. Through his vision, it was wonderful that he involved his family in the funeral service business. My special communications with Toby never ended after high school and even after his business retirement. I saw him occasionally at class reunions, dinners and special events and he consistently brought that smiling face. He absolutely loved this country, beautiful vehicles and his high school. At a dinner In December 2019, he told me that he toured the Oxford football games for 2019 and really was excited that Oxford won the state championship. He even wore his OHS hat that night and I have a picture of proof. During sixty plus years, it was a joy for me and my honor to have spent informational and conversation time with him. He was a " one of a kind" person and I will always remember the respect that he gave me and his surrounding friends. May "God" and Jesus bless him as we enter the heavenly kingdom.

Roger Knowles - May 05 at 01:23 PM



“ Just finding this out. Prayers for his family.

Janice Howard Nix - May 12 at 11:24 PM



“ Gregory O. Spry / Spry Funeral Home, Athens, AL

Gregory O. Spry - May 02 at 01:13 PM



“ I want to express my deepest sympathy at the loss of Mr. Toby! I pray that God grant you all the peace that passes all understanding, because you are sure of his presence with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I am praying for your entire family, and all of us who experience the grief at the loss of Mr. Toby! I pray that God be with us and grant comfort and peace to us all! God Bless!

Beverly Ritchey - May 02 at 12:03 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Toby was truly a special man. Have known him and remember the funeral home in the field behind where Shoney’s is now since before I-20 days. I just don’t remember our meeting Mr. Toby & family. With my Mom(Dixie) being a teacher both at church & in the school system-there is no telling-I just know God blessed us with knowing him. Our love & prayers will be with Mrs. Diane & the family during these difficult days and beyond.



Carol Roberts Stewart - May 02 at 11:59 AM



“ Sending our deepest sympathy to your family. You will be in our hearts and prayers. Always lean on God and he will see you through trying times. God bless you all. Buster, Charlsie, and Angela Hughes Bing.



Buster, Charlsie, and Angela Hughes Bing - April 30 at 03:16 PM



“ My heart is heavy yet rejoicing. Toby was a wonderful friend to my family. My father Rev. Major Johnston thought he was the best there was. I accompanied him in hundreds of funerals. I remember Toby was standing beside me at one of those times and smiled and said “I have heard of people with a lot of different habits but you’re the first young lady I’ve ever known that made funerals one.” We laughed about that every time we saw each other, always at a funeral. God gave us a special man in Toby a friend to all and he raised his son to be just like him. He was a precious Blessing. Praying for peace and comfort for all the family. Rhonda Johnston Dover

Rhonda Johnston Dover - April 30 at 01:14 PM



“ Dianne and Family, on behalf of my wife, Elaine and myself, we want to express our condolences to you in the death of one we loved so much. Both of us graduated with Toby in the OHS Class of 1961. We moved out of state following college, but would come back on visits...unfortunately, many of those times were for funerals -- during those visits we would have time to visit with Toby. We only were able to attend a couple '61 Class Reunions, but when we did it was always good to talk with Toby. As the one calling all the OHS '61 Classmates on their birthdays for the last few years, it was always a neat call on October 5 when I talked with Toby. He, indeed, will be missed until that day when all of God's Family gather for that special meeting with our Savior. We will continue praying for you all.

Dr. & Mrs. Ron Ross
Muncie, Indiana

Dr. & Mrs. Ron Ross - April 30 at 09:59 AM



“ Toby was There for Our Family when my Papa Sewell, Uncle Huey, Mama Sewell & Last but not Least My Sister Jocelyn. Toby was there to Help Us Through Our Loss! Toby was a Fine Man & Will Be Missed By Many Especially His Family. Praying for Family & Friends

Melanie Bynum Fuller - April 30 at 09:01 AM



“ Dear Dianne and family, I am so sorry about your loss. We (Jerry and I) really enjoyed the times we could all get together at Oxford High and Anniston High reunions. Those two guys were such good friends for many, many years. Now they are having a heavenly reunion! I will be praying for you during this most difficult of times. May you feel God's love surrounding you moment by moment. Love, Margaret Bowman

Margaret Bowman - April 30 at 12:12 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Alesia you and all of your family are in my thoughts and prayers.





Maria Lambert - April 29 at 11:27 PM



“ Mr. Toby and Dudley. You have been a blessing to us in many way. Your families funeral service is the best and it's because you trust God, and have always done best for your neighbors (the city of Oxford). I pray for your family in this sorrowful time, but joy comes knowing he is in a better place, with the Lord.. Blessing to you all.. Jo Crosson Mahaffey.

Jo Crosson Mahaffey - April 29 at 07:56 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Toby's passing. He has always been special to the Sparks' Family of Oxford. He and my Dad, Wayne Sparks were great friends when they were young and my DD and Grandfather owed Sparks' Grocery in Oxford. I remember my parents, Wayne and Jerry and Toby and Dianne sitting together at the Oxford football games when my brother and I were very young. My Dad and Toby were in the Jaycee's together and Lions club and attended other youth sports events together. They both loved Oxford and the community and wanted to be involved and help our town grow. After my Dad became very sick in 1995 and we moved my parents back to Oxford from Meridian, Toby and Dianne were there for our family and saw us thru and when my Dad passed away Toby came thru and was there for my Mom and my brother and me. Treated us so good. After Cheaha Bank came into being my Mother went to work for them and reviewed loans for them for years and I. 2016 a month before she passed away the Bank gave her a beautiful retirement party as their first retiree and again her friends Toby and Dianne were there with all their support for our family. Then when our Mother passed in that next month the Funeral Home once again treated us so well as a Family and long- time Friends. I'm so appreciative of the longtime Friendship our Families have had. I hope you know Dianne and Dudley and Patrick and Shelly and Alesia that I love you all and I'm praying for all of you. May God be with each of you during this time for you. I know you have so many special seet memories and you're very blessed. You're family means so much to so many. Thanks for giving so much to Oxford!!



Paige Nash - April 29 at 07:36 PM



“ To all of the Toby Miller family:
Toby touched the lives and families of so very many people. The Houston family was one of those. Much love,
Betty Houston Fendley

betty houston fendley - April 29 at 11:49 PM



“ I have known Mr. miller almost all my life he was my little league football coach the people of oxford have lost a great man he will be missed by all that knew and loved him .

perry baxter - April 29 at 07:18 PM



“ I am so terribly sorry to hear of the loss of this great man. He has been there for so many in their time of need and done so much for the town of Oxford. He will be sorely missed.



Misty Bearden - April 29 at 06:46 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Toby's passing and I know he will be missed by our old car crowd . May he R.I.P. and God provide comfort to the family. Mona &Tommy Hicks

Tommy Hicks - April 29 at 06:21 PM



“ Toby has been a pillar of Oxford for many years. I know all will miss him, and Oxford is enhanced by his lie.

Sherry Kughn - April 29 at 05:38 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of your loved one. He will not only be missed by you, his family, but many, many friends. He always had a smile and kind words for everyone.

Bob and Prissy O'Neal

Prissy O'Neal - April 29 at 05:29 PM