



Joe Dolison Miller

February 20, 1931 - July 1, 2022

Joe Dolison Miller, age 91, passed away Friday, July 1, 2022 in Okla. City, OK. Joe was born on February 20, 1931 on the family farm in Custer City, OK. He was the 5th child of 7 children born to Clifford Miller and Tina Mae Graves Miller. Joe grew up a farm boy and graduated from Custer City High School in 1949. After high school, he joined the United States Air Force and was stationed in Austin, TX. It was there that he met the love of his life, a young lady by the name of Darlene Joyce Rinkenberger. They later married on June 7, 1953 in Fairbury, Illinois. Joe was deployed to Goose Bay, Labrador where he helped construct and manage an Air Force Base, which housed nuclear bombs as a defense system against Russia in the Korean Conflict. After Joe's honorable discharge from the military, they moved to Okla. City to raise their two children, Carmen Kay and Michael Joe. Joe worked for Bill Hodges Trucking as a truck driver moving oil rigs and oil field equipment. After Mike was born in 1957, Joe took a job for Phil Cornell as a Ranch Foreman so that he could get off the road and spend more time with Darlene and the kids. It was during this time he met Bill Hinkle, a sand and gravel operator. Joe worked several years for him running a dragline crane. One day at a rodeo, one of Joe's friends convinced him to go to work for the City of Oklahoma City as a heavy equipment operator, simply because he would be able to get insurance and benefits for Carmen, who was born with Cystic Fibrosis. It was there, that Joe spent the last 20 years working as an equipment operator, later transferring to Code Enforcement. Joe was a

worker throughout all of those years. He broke and trained quarter horses, mules and draft horses. He baled hay and ran a herd of cattle. He was a Past President of the Oklahoma City Roundup Club, Past President of the Oklahoma Draft Horse Association, a member of the American Quarter Horse Association and the Western Oklahoma Cutting Horse Association. He was very active in the Newcastle Senior Citizens and was a member of the Newcastle Christian Church.

Joe was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, and always made time for family activities. He always made sure that he and Darlene attended family reunions as far away as Minnesota, until their health wouldn't permit it. He enjoyed watching Mike participate in Rodeo and Roping events, as well as watching his grandson Josh play baseball and basketball. Joe liked people and they liked him. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Thursday, July 7, 2022, at Newcastle Christian Church. Burial will follow at 2:30 P.M. at Mound Valley Cemetery in Thomas, OK. The family will receive friends from 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. Wednesday at Wilson-Little, Tri-City. Send online condolences @ www.wilsonlittle.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. He not only played a huge role in my life and in my business but also in the lives of my two sons.

I will always cherish the memories that we had with him and Darlene.

He will certainly be missed. Condolences to the entire family and prayers for peace and comfort.

Eric Roybal - March 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Mike and the rest of Joe's family. Joe was a very personable and enjoyable person to know for many years.

Mike was a wonderful son and caretaker for Joe and his Mother, over the past few years! I am so proud of him.

Your Friend, Bobbie Steenbergen

Bobbie L Steenbergen - July 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest heartfelt condolences to the family and all of Joe's friends. I think often of his stories he used to tell me.

A favorite was when Darlene won her trip to Mexico I believe and they were on a boat.

Kids were out in the water catching change people were throwing overboard so Joe decided he liked money to so he jumped in the water. I never giggled so much. You will be missed my friend.



Beverly Darby & Melanie Sykes - July 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM