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James "Jim" F. Miller, age 85, of North Olmsted, passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at Bradley Bay Assisted Living, Bay Village.

He was born in Cleveland and had been a resident of North Olmsted since 1968.

James served in the US Army during WWII and received a Purple Heart for a wound received in Europe. After the war he worked in the retail portion of floor and window coverings, preferring to be his own boss he was the owner of Home Center West for thirty years, retiring in 1990.

He was a member of St. Clarence Church in North Olmsted.

He played baseball on the Huff n' Puffer's team until he was 83 years old. He enjoyed all sports and music, especially Big Band and recorded children's stories for his grandchildren.

Survivors include his daughters, Lynn (Mike) Winter of Spring, Texas, Peggy (Martin) Kilcoyne of DeBary, Florida, Maureen (Jack) Sedmack and Susan (John) DeLaat both of North Ridgeville; 12 grandchildren; 9 great- grandchildren; brother, Gilbert of Olmsted Twp.; sisters, Florida, Mary Lishing of Streetsboro and Joan Pepke of Parma. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty in 1984; brothers, Bob, Bill, George, Paul and Bernard; sisters, Sr. Francis Claire, SSJ, Ritanne Karr and Grace Karr; and parents William and Clara (nee Nowalk).

Friends may call Thursday from 5 – 8 PM at the Bogner Family funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville where a prayer service will be held on Friday at 9:15 AM followed by a 10:00 AM Mass at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted. Rev. Tom Flynn will be the celebrant.

Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Brookpark.

Memorial donations to Birthright of Lorain County, PO Box 812, Elyria, OH, 44036 would be appreciated by the family.

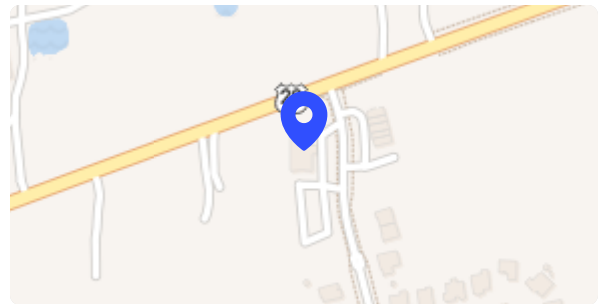


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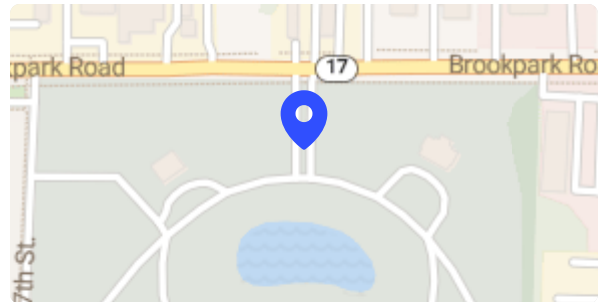
Visitation

- Thursday**, June 14, 2012
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- Bogner Family Funeral Home**
36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville OH
44039



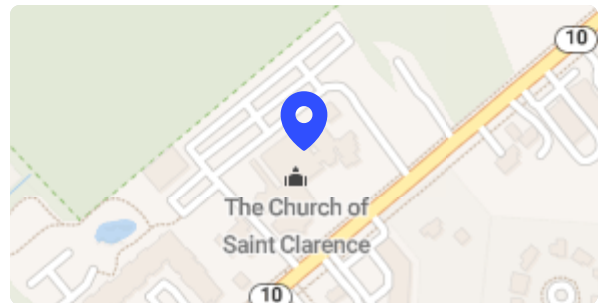
Interment

- Friday**, June 15, 2012
- Holy Cross Cemetery**
14609 Brookpark Rd., Brookpark OH 44142



Funeral Mass

- Friday**, June 15, 2012
- 10:00 AM ET
- St. Clarence Catholic Church**
30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted





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JN

Judy (Miller) Tucholsky - Solon, Oh - Niece posted:

Being the first child of George and Marie, the first and only grandchild for seven years until Lynn was born, and the first niece to the aunts and uncles, I have fond memories of visiting you, Uncle Jim and Aunt Betty. You nicknamed me "butch." I, with my family, enjoyed visiting your homes around Puritas and off Clague Rd. As time went on, you, Aunt Betty and your girls were very supportive of Denis. Your family, Uncle Bob, Aunt Rita and their children along with my family had some big birthday parties for Denis. Even one way out near Madison when he lived out there. I have not forgotten those kindnesses. My brother, Frank and I visited you around 1986 after our father, George, died. I remember your home was still as if Aunt Betty was still living there! You were so in love with her. You were truly a Christian family man as our Lord Jesus Christ had instructed one to be through His Words of the Bible. We look forward to seeing you and Aunt Betty, again! Your niece, Judy

June 13 at 8:00 PM

AC

Ann Garrity - Parma, Oh - Cousin posted:

I will always remember your smile Jim. Every since I was a little girl, whenever we would meet, you always had a wonderful smile on your face. In recent times you were kind enough to meet with my brothers and sisters, and provide us with a wealth of information about our family...relaying many stories of things that happened before I was even born. How grateful I am to you for reliving history for us. We have been very blessed to have you marry into our family.....you certainly added a lot of "class" to the Garrity clan. We will miss you here on this earth and I personally will look forward to seeing you again with Betty and all my family members who you now have the pleasure of being reunited with. Love and Hugs! Ann

June 13 at 8:00 PM

KG

Kevin Kilcoyne - Flowery Branch, Ga - Grandson posted:

We will miss you Grandpa Jim. I am very privileged that I was able to call you my Grandpa. Countless memories and reminders will always let me know you are with me - baseball, Cleveland Indians, ping pong, ice cream sodas, Atari, going to the moon, your great story telling, Niagra Falls, your excellent poems on birthday cards, sharing birthday parties, picnics in your back yard, the pancake place, Geronimo, Cluck-a-luck, cart rides in your store, teaching me about big band music, your awesome basement...I can go on and on. Most of all, you were always there for us. I hope that someday I can live up to the expectations of being a Grandpa like you were. Those are some big shoes to fill, but I am looking forward to it! I am happy that you are together again with your soulmate Grandma Betty and all your friends and family, and I know you will be right there waiting for us when it is time for us to meet again. I love you Grandpa! Kevin

June 12 at 8:00 PM



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KB

Kathy And Bob Zaak - Bedford, Oh posted:

Mr. Miller, We will always remember the picnics and good times with you and your family at Mike and Lynn's house. It was always so much fun. I know you are with your Betty--your Princess. Rest in God's hands until we meet again.

June 12 at 8:00 PM

PB

Peggy Kilcoyne - De Bary, Fl posted:

I'm so sad that you've gone....gone from picnics and pool parties and backyard baseball games ...gone from ice skating rinks on the driveway, sled riding in the valley and family hikes in Hinckley Park ...gone from fast rides on roller coasters at Euclid Beach Park, trips to Cedar Point and summer outings to Geauga Lk. Pk ...gone from vacations to Niagara Falls, Williamsburg and Washington ...gone from our "lively discussions" about politics, religion, sports, history, politics and everything else in between! I'm so glad that you've gone...gone to be with Mom after loving & missing her so much all these yrs ...gone to be with your family & friends who went before ...gone to be wrapped in the Lord's loving arms! But, you'll never be gone from my heart!

June 12 at 8:00 PM

DN

Dennis Garrity - Cleveland, Oh - Nephew posted:

Dear Uncle Jim, I hope you are dancing with Aunt Betty right now up in heaven, I know she missed you for a long time. We all here on earth are going to sorely miss your bright energy, your laughter, your stories that were unbeatable and an inspiration to many. Thanks for letting me stay a week in Florida with you last year. We'll never forget you and Aunt Betty. Love, Dennis Garrity, Mikki, Tifani, Ryan, and Murphy.

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JG

Jonathon Kilcoyne - Orangecity, Fl - Grandson posted:

Peace to this man of Good Will! Gramps, Not only were you a Grandfather, you were a great friend of mine that I will sorely miss until we meet again. Thinking of all the memories down through time all the games and the sports whether baseball, football, ping pong, pinball, horseshoes, Atari, Pool, whatever the game, the Root Beer Floats, the political and religious "discussions", the moonwalks in your basement, Pancakes at the "pancake place". I dont regret any of the time spent with you for a second and I thank you for your example and for being there for me and for your council. You lived a full life and I am glad that now you are finally reunited with Grandma. I know these words were spoken by Someone special to us that we often talked about soon after you passed: "Well done good and faithful servant! Enter into the reward prepared for you!" Until we meet again, Love you Grandpa Jim!

June 12 at 8:00 PM

CG

Courtney Dunagan - Frisco, Tx - Granddaughter posted:

Grandpa, You were a gift from God and I was truly blessed to have grown up as your Granddaughter. I am thankful for each and every memory and will miss your amazing story telling, your zest for life, proudly watching you play softball into your early 80's, sharing late night snacks, your fun cart rides at Home Center West, your never ending faith in God and so much more... This world is a sadder place without you in it but I know I will see you again someday to pick up right where we left off last. I love you and thank you for being such a bright light in my life. Courtney "Annie"

June 11 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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