

Neil Miller, 74

Aug. 4, 1940 - Aug. 3, 2015

MANILLA — Charles Neil, son of Charles and Phyllis (Hulsebus) Miller, was born August 4, 1940 in Harlan. He grew up on a farm east of Defiance and went to rural school in the area until it closed. He then attended Manilla Public School, graduating with the Class of 1958. While in high school he was active in band and FFA. His teacher Mr. Johnson raised goats and some mysteriously ended up in school one weekend.....Oh, that Class of '58! After graduation he attended Heavy Equipment School in Omaha, NE, but had to return home to help on the farm.



June 12, 1966 Neil was united in marriage with Mary Benge at the Methodist Church in Defiance. They lived there for five years before moving to Manilla. Neil then worked for Western Iowa Pork in Harlan until it closed. He enjoyed being around farming and worked for ConAgra and FSC, retiring at age 65. Neil could always be found working in his garage on his old pickup trucks until they would look like new. He loved his grandkids and talking with them on the phone. After his health began to fail, he had some surgery and ended up with a terrible infection. He died on Monday, August 3, 2015 at Crawford County Hospital in Denison at the age of 74 years, 11 months and 30 days.

Preceding Neil in death are his parents and one brother Eugene in infancy. He is survived by his wife Mary Miller of Manilla; children Rick Miller (Sky) of Manilla, Brian Miller (Jennifer) of Manilla and Jodi Gubbels (Bob) of Defiance; six grandchildren; one great granddaughter; two brothers Lyle Miller and family of Manilla and Allan Miller and family of Pennsylvania; two brothers-in-law John Benge of Manilla and Greg Holmes of Manilla; four sisters-in-law Marjorie Benge of Manilla, Virginia Gregerson of Manilla, Barb Holmes of Manilla and Lorraine Gibson of Henderson, KY; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. Condolences may be left online at ohdefuneralhome.com

Visitation was held Wednesday, August 5, 2015 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Defiance. Funeral services were Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Defiance with Reverend Laurie Riley, officiating. Musical selections were "Amazing Grace" by the congregation; "Go Rest High On That Mountain" - Vince Gill; "Angels Among Us" - Alabama with Paulette Rasmussen, organist. Urn bearers were his grandchildren, Joseph Gubbels, Jacob Gubbels, Kate Gubbels, Spencer Miller, Jared Schmidt, and Kayla Miller. Honorary urn bearer was his great granddaughter, Sawyer Schmidt. Interment of cremated remains was in the Union Township Cemetery, Defiance.

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