



## Alan L. Miller

October 5, 1944 - January 13, 2019

Alan L. Miller of Grand Ledge passed away January 13, 2019 in Lansing. Alan was born October 5, 1944 in Kalamazoo, Michigan to the late Colin B. and Charlotte A. (Ackley) Miller. He grew up in Huntington, West Virginia and went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree from Kalamazoo College, attended Marshall University, and then graduated from the University of Michigan with a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Alan managed the budget for the Detroit Police Department before moving to Grand Ledge where he did the same work for the Eaton Rapids Public Schools. Alan loved journalism and after retirement started writing and reporting in the Grand Ledge Independent. This was one of his passions and it brought him fulfillment and purpose. He served the Grand Ledge community through various boards bringing years of experience and valuable insight, most recently serving as a Commissioner in the development of a new charter for the City of Grand Ledge. Alan was a member of the Grand Ledge Lions Club, enjoyed traveling, music and art. He also loved to cook and was famous for the cookies that he made and looked forward to working together with his grandsons on woodworking projects. Alan is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Cecil (Pelter); children, Elizabeth (Jeremy) Miller-Gershfeld and F. Paul Miller; grandsons, Levi and Oscar; siblings, Mary (John) Dunkin, Andrew (Sherry) Miller and Matthew (Beth Wehrle) Miller along with numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. A Celebrations of Alan's life will be held Thursday, January 17, 2019, 11:00 a.m at Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church with The Reverend Cindy

Skutar, officiating. Visitation will be at the church Thursday from 10-11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions in Alan's name may be given to the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church  
411 Harrison Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

## Celebration of Life

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alan L. Miller.*



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January 16, 2019 at 05:16 PM



“ *Cecil,  
Please accept our deepest and most sincere condolences in the loss of Alan. In my brief 4 year stint as Eaton County Parks Director, I found him as an excellent journalist and good friend. His love for the community, public service and quality of life stories were classic and prize winning work. I can't think of any print news outlet that had such a talent in their midst, as he made local circulation worth reading with each edition. It was a rare pleasure to have such a positive relationship with the media, as his accuracy and ability to share set a high bar for others to follow. Your support and friendship was a highlight of my service with Eaton County, as we shared quality of life contributions to those touched by our relationship. He made a difference.  
John and Pat Greenslit*

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**John Greenslit** - January 16, 2019 at 04:38 PM



“ *Cecil, I'm so sorry to read this. Bless you and your family.*

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**pam cathey** - January 16, 2019 at 03:32 PM

MC

“ *Deepest sympathies.. Grand Ledge is a better place due to his work on various city committees/panels, and his contributions to the newly-adopted City Charter will be felt for years to come. Mike Coll*

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**Mike Coll** - January 16, 2019 at 11:47 AM

PM

“ *I read of Alan’s passing today and wish to convey my deepest sympathies to you, his family. I first met Alan while I was a police officer working for then Chief Carl Watkins of the Eaton Rapids Police Department. He had come to work for the Eaton Rapids Public Schools. I always enjoyed our conversations and interaction on both a personal and professional level. We continued our relationship after Chief Watkins left the department and I was appointed to the Chief’s position. Always a mentor and someone I could seek counsel from. Please know that Alan’s passing will leave a hole in the ranks of “kind and compassionate gentlemen” everywhere.*

*Respectfully,*

*Paul O. Malewski ( Police Chief-retired)*

*Mayor*

*Eaton Rapids, Michigan*

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**paul malewski** - January 16, 2019 at 06:20 AM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan L. Miller.*



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January 15, 2019 at 07:50 PM

RD

“ Alan in the few short years that I had the pleasure of knowing you the best time was working with you on rewriting the Grand Ledge City Charter. It was a privilege to work with you and you brought a lot of valuable experience to the table.

*Will miss our talks.*

*Cecil and family Very sorry for your loss.*

*Robert & Rozanne Doty*

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**Robert Doty** - January 15, 2019 at 06:50 PM

EH

“ My coworker, neighbor, bridge partner/opponent, party companion, and most importantly a dear friend. We'll always remember your generosity in allowing Santa to store our kids Christmas gifts each year at your home. All you demanded in return was forcing Karen to drink your wine at the pre-Christmas wrapping event, and then forcing me to drink your beer in order to get them out of storage on Christmas Eve. The nerve! This explains the reason why it always took nearly 2 hours to make a 2 block round trip. You'll be missed but always remembered. Save a cold one for me up there. Prayers to Cecil, Liz, Paul, Jeremy, Levi, and Oscar. Love, Karen & Ed Hannan (along with gang of Meghan, Patrick, Kevin, & Maura who never could figure out how we did it).

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**Ed Hannan** - January 15, 2019 at 02:01 PM

CM

*What fun we always had. Thank you for the wonderful memories. Your family is beautiful and dear to me.*

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**cecil miller** - January 15, 2019 at 08:43 PM

GF

“ Cecil and family, we send our thoughts and prayers to your family in memory of a wonderful man that we had the pleasure of knowing. Alan was a very special man and had a wife that is also very special to us.

*Our hugs are with you during this time of grieving.*

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**Gary and Joanne Ford** - January 15, 2019 at 01:13 PM

JP

“ My sympathies to the family. Al was one of the smartest men i knew and certainly the hardest working. While at the police department, Al would often prepare an analysis or report himself instead of having one of the staff do it. Al had a quick wit and dry sense of humor, if you didn't pay attention you might miss some quip. Devoted to his family and a good friend to have in your corner. May he rest in peace.

*jerry peters.*

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**jerome peters** - January 15, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Alan L. Miller.



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January 14, 2019 at 06:16 PM