

Matthew 22:36 -40

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Hope Strength

A Celebration of Life

First Baptist Church
McPherson, Kansas
Friday, June 24, 2022, at 10:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor John Pattison

Eulogy

Stan Olson

Musical Selections

Picture Video Tribute:

"You Are My Special Angel" by Bobby Helms
"I Hope You Dance" by Lee Ann Womack
"Prop Me Up Beside the Jukebox" by Joe Diffie
"Could I Have This Dance" by Anne Murray

Service:

Congregational Hymn: "Boundless Love"
Solos: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
"Amazing Grace"

Katie Sears, vocalist / Mary Funk, pianist
Piano Prelude & Postlude: Michelle King

Honorary Pallbearers

Joey Miller Gunner Schumacher
Alex Wheat Owen Fetsch Elijah Clarke
Kale French Lane Rolfs Payton Miller

Ushers

Norman Burgess Duane Thiel

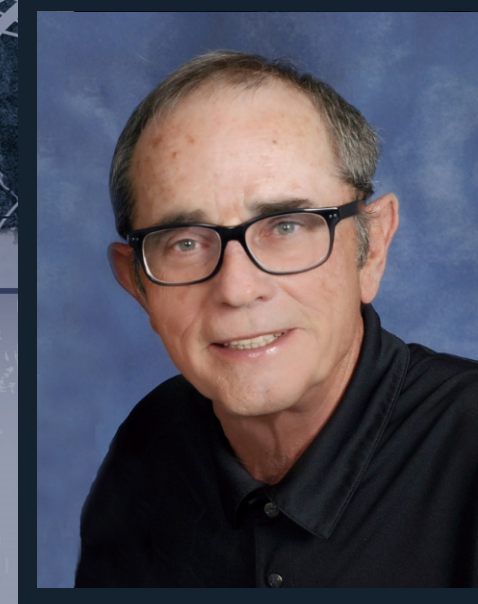
Final Resting Place

McPherson Cemetery ~ McPherson, Kansas
Military Honors provided by
American Legion Post #24 and V.F.W. Post #2715
"Taps" ~ Mark Casebeer, trumpet

Memorial Donations

The family suggests memorial donations be given to the First Baptist Church or McPherson High School Baseball Team in loving memory of Speedy.

Stockham Family Funeral Home



A Celebration of Life

Gerald "Speedy" Wade Miller
December 22, 1946 - June 10, 2022

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

A Celebration of Life Gerald Wade Miller

Gerald Wade (Speedy) Miller of McPherson, KS, passed away Friday, June 10, 2022, in the loving home he and his wife Barbara lived in since 1973.

Gerald was born December 22, 1946, in McPherson, the son of Wade Ward Miller and Lucile Marie (Fairchild) of McPherson Kansas.

Gerald grew up playing marbles, cowboys and Indians, army, hide and go seek, baseball, pheasant hunting in western Kansas, and anything outside. One of his fondest childhood memories was riding the tractor with Granddad Fairchild in the dark fields at night. Other memories include playing till after dark around the home he grew up in at 700 South Chestnut in McPherson.

Gerald went to Roosevelt Grade School, McPherson Intermediate School, and McPherson Senior High. He attended Wichita State University from 1964-1969, earning a degree in elementary education and earning the honor of distinguished military student in ROTC.

On August 6, 1967, he married Barbara Jean Kline at the First United Methodist Church in McPherson. Both Speedy and Barb say they were lucky to have both the boy they wanted when Richard Warren was born in 1969 and daughter Amy RaeAnn in 1972.

Gerald served as a convoy trail officer and convoy commander in Vietnam in 1970-71 where he earned a Bronze Star with V-Device. After completing his tour in Vietnam, he returned to McPherson to work in the family auto shop until he sold the shop in 2008.

Gerald attended and served at First Baptist Church, McPherson where he was a member since 1958. Gerald taught Sunday School classes and actively served the church youth group. Gerald was baptized at age 12. His life embodied the Christian Faith due to his devoted love for Jesus his Lord and Savior.

Gerald was an Eagle Scout and later went on to serve as an adult leader for Troop 133. He even finished a grueling two-week hike in the New Mexico mountains with son Richard. Speedy also found time to help his father-in-law, Shorty Kline, bring T-ball to McPherson. Gerald coached T-ball as well as umpired for Kansas and Western league baseball.

Gerald was a member of the McPherson Optimist Club and was named Optimist of the Year in 1979. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge where he was Officer of the Year in 1999-2000. He served on several boards including Big Brothers & Big Sisters, McPherson Pheasants Forever, Kansas Tire Dealers Association, and Washington Elementary School PTA President. The Millers, along with Jim and Gayle Snow, operated the McPherson County Teen Center for 10 years.

Speedy fulfilled one dream by winning the Senior Division Golf Championship at the McPherson Country Club in 2009 and yet another by sky diving on different occasions.

Gerald lived life to the fullest as he enjoyed fishing, boating, camping, trips to the east coast, snow skiing, water skiing, country dancing, teaching country dancing, winters in Arizona, trips to Lake of the Ozarks, and golfing with friends and

family.

Gerald's greatest passion was supporting his grandchildren in whatever activities they pursued. For the past 10 years, his passion for watching McPherson baseball became iconic. He was the adopted "grandpa" of the team. Gerald could be heard cheering for every batter and every good play – and on occasion correcting the umpire on an incorrect call. In spite of his declining health, he wouldn't miss a game – as if his life depended on it. In one of the final games Gerald attended, his grandson Joey Miller pitched a "No Hitter", a proud moment for grandpa.

Survivors include: his wife of 54 years Barbara Miller; two children, Richard Miller (Leslee) of McPherson and Amy Fulcher (Chad Haen) of McPherson; grandchildren, Myranda Vera (Carlos), Ryan Fulcher, Maggie Miller, Joey Miller, Claire Miller, and Payton Miller; great-grandchildren, Ellena Vera and Emery Vera; sister, Sharon Bosley of Arlington, TX; brother, Warren Miller (Cathy) of Colorado Springs, CO; sister-in-law, Judie Battin; brother-in-law, Dick Kline (Melanie); and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter, Rebecca Fulcher.

Gerald lived to love and serve his family, church, community, and country. Gerald had too many friends to count and will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

Appreciation & Luncheon

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their sincere appreciation for all your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service.

Following the graveside service, the family invites all to join them for food and fellowship back at the church.