

Volunteer Stanley J. Miller dies at 89

Stanley J. "Stan" Miller, 89, of Battle Creek, a longtime community volunteer, died Thursday, July 13, 2000, in Battle Creek Health System of injuries suffered in a traffic accident.

He was born July 18, 1910, in Mononga, W.Va., to John and Amelia (Kovach) Miller and moved to Battle Creek from West Virginia when he was 2. He attended St. Philip Catholic Central High School.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Army's 94th Infantry Division at Fort Custer, beginning Nov. 30, 1942, and later transferred to Camp Phillips, Kan. After Tennessee maneuvers, he transferred to Second Army Headquarters and saw action in New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon and the occupation of Japan.

He received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with three Bronze Battle Stars as well as the Asiatic, Victory and Good Conduct medals. He was discharged as a technician fourth grade on Nov. 2, 1945, at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

He was employed at Nichols & Shepard and Oliver Farm Equipment Co. from 1927 to 1932 and worked at Grand Trunk Western Railroad Co. from 1936 to 1942.

He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier from Nov. 7, 1945, until retiring Dec. 31, 1972. He also was employed by Battle Creek Housing Commission for 3½ years as resident caretaker.



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Man dies as result of car accident injuries

An 89-year-old Battle Creek man

died Thursday from injuries he received in a Wednesday car accident.

Stanley J. Miller was involved in a two-car accident near the intersection of Emmett Street and Wagner Drive about 12:30 p.m., Battle Creek police said.

The driver of the other car was not injured, police said.

Miller, who was pulling out of the Williamsburg Apartment complex, turned eastbound into the path of a car traveling west.

The cars hit head-on and Miller was transported to Battle Creek Health System where he died.

He also operated the Junior Social and Recreation Club at 75 First St. from 1948 to 1969. It later was renamed the Optimist Youth Center in honor of the support provided by the Battle Creek Optimist Club.

For 20 years, he worked and served as elections chairman for Precinct 5.

Surviving are a son, David J. Miller of Fort Wayne, Ind.; a daughter, Barbara A. Carpenter of Clarkston; three grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Frank Miller and Milan Kovach.

Community involvement, hobbies: Member of St. Philip Catholic Church, Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 533, National Association of Letter Carriers, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 565, Valentine Recreation Center and Cherry Hill Tenants Association. Organized the Cherry Hill Kitchen Band. Served two years as a Big Brother. Was awarded the Tell Your Neighbor Golden Award in 1949; Optimist of the Year Award in 1954; VFW Post 565's Outstanding Citizen Award in 1954; American Legion Post 298's Citation Meritorious Award in 1957; Superior Accomplishment Awards from the U.S. Postal Service in 1967 and 1970; Post Office Service Award, in 1972; and Community Thanks Award in 1980. Received the Outstanding Volunteer Citation from Springhill Manor in 1979-80, Arrowood Nursing Center in 1982, Southwestern Rehab Hospital in 1983, Calhoun County Medical Facility in 1982-83, Docsa Home in 1983 and Volunteer Bureau in 1981, 1982 and 1983. Received the Commander in Chief Award from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 565 in 1983; the Massachusetts Mutual Award in 1985; and the Lakeview Kiwanis Club Citizen Award. Was known as "The Movie Man" because he entertained senior citizens and nursing home residents for many years by showing movies.

Visitation: After 3 p.m. today at the Richard A. Henry Funeral Home, where rosary will be recited 7 p.m.

Services: Funeral Mass at 9 a.m. Saturday in St. Philip Catholic Church.

Burial: Memorial Park Cemetery with military honors by United War Veterans Council.

Memorials: St. Philip Scholarship Fund or American Cancer Society.