



Atholl Tillman "Jiggs" Miller

December 13, 1923 - August 30, 2011

Atholl Tillman Miller was born on December 13, 1923 in a farmhouse east of Dixon, Missouri. He was the third of five children born to Enoch and Cora Miller. His father was a barber with a shop in Dixon, and his mother raised the family and tended to the farm chores. All of the children pitched in on the chores, and as the oldest son, Jiggs thought he was expected to do more than his share. This trait and being raised in the Ozark countryside during the hard economic times of the 1920's and 1930's, instilled in him a work ethic and thriftiness that lasted his entire life.

Jiggs attended Dixon High School, where he was the smallest player on the basketball team, and in his social life, he developed a reputation as a good dancer. During that time, he also worked numerous jobs, often traveling long distances on horseback, or in horse-drawn wagons or cars heated by hot bricks wrapped in cloth. After he graduated, he worked construction jobs on Fort Leonard Wood and waited for the inevitable letter that would draft him into the Army. That letter arrived in 1943, sending him to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for basic training. He always said his best memory of that time was a cold quart of beer and a bag of Fritos on a weekend night. Later, he was assigned to an artillery support unit and sent to England to prepare for the invasion of Europe. He landed on the Normandy beaches on the sixth day of the D-Day invasion and served in many battles, including the Battle of the Bulge, in which he suffered terribly from the frigid cold and snow. He was awarded a

Bronze Star Medal and received other awards in recognition of his service. Jiggs made many lifelong friends that he maintained contact with by attending annual reunions of his Army unit until the reunions were discontinued because of the age and infirmity of the veterans.

Jiggs was discharged from the Army on October 15, 1945 and, wasting no time, on November 11th, he married Dorothy McCoy who was working for her father in his café, apartment and grocery store businesses in Devils Elbow. Jiggs and Dorothy purchased the grocery store business and later built a new general store with an attached house, and Jiggs was appointed the Postmaster of Devils Elbow. Jiggs and Dorothy worked in the store and post office together until Dorothy decided to spend her time at home raising Charles and Sue Ann. The store was open 12 hours a day, six days a week and Jiggs worked those days and hours until he sold the store 30 years later. In addition, he bought and maintained rental properties and eventually moved his family into the big rock house at the Big Piney Lodge in Devils Elbow, in exchange for maintaining and renting the lodge cabins to tenants.

In spite of all his work responsibilities, Jiggs still found the time and energy to pursue his love for hunting; quail hunting was his favorite. He also loved to take his family to the Lake of the Ozarks every weekend during the summers for skiing, swimming, and boating. Jiggs was a member of the local Masonic AF and AM Lodge 375, Shrine Abou Ben Adhem, Scottish Rites, and he was a member of the VFW and the National Organization of Postmasters (NPUS).

Family commitments were very important to Jiggs, and he devoted himself to caring for his mother, and mother-in-law, and when his sister, Romaine, suffered a stroke, he made the 40 mile round trip to visit her several times a week for three years. He was always concerned about Dorothy, asking about what would happen to her if he was not around and letting the family know how to care for her. He was also a loving and supportive father and

grandfather, who could be counted on for whatever was needed.

Jiggs was good-natured, reliable, even-tempered, tolerant and friendly. These traits resulted in him being affectionately referred to as the “Mayor of Devils Elbow”. He loved hearing and sharing good jokes. Even as his mental and physical conditions declined, he still regularly delivered a joke or comment that entertained those around him. He was the kind of husband, father, grandfather, relative or friend everyone wants to have. He will be missed!

Jiggs leaves to cherish his memory his wife Dorothy Miller; two children: Charles Miller (Rita) of Prairie Village, KS and Sue Ann Dunn (Bob) of Devils Elbow, MO; five grandchildren: Adam and Scott Miller, Travis Dunn (Brianne), and Lucas and Derek Dunn; two great grandchildren: Molly and Gracie Dunn; many other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Atholl Tillman "Jiggs" Miller*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Yeah, I remember "Ole Jiggs"....He'd run the gas station and post office down the street....I filled the gas tank of my mini-bike....walked in the store and hand him a dime....good times...RIP Jiggs*

Bruce BVaker - September 24, 2024 at 07:57 AM



“ *Atholl Tillman "Jiggs" Miller*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

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“ *Cornelia & Robert Dodds lit a candle in memory of Atholl Tillman "Jiggs" Miller*



Cornelia & Robert Dodds - November 27, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ I just learned today (December 1) of the passing of Jiggs, and wanted to send my condolences to Dorothy and the family. Dorothy is my cousin, and I knew Jiggs through Dorothy. It has been several years now since I last saw Jiggs and Dorothy in Devils Elbow. May the pain you feel today soon be eased by fond memories of earlier times. Emma Laubscher Boston, Virginia Beach, VA##imported-begin##Emma Laubscher Boston ##imported-end##

December 01, 2011 at 05:20 PM



“ If you're reading this, you're all set, pradner!##imported-begin##Caiya##imported-end##

September 19, 2011 at 04:00 PM



“ Sue Ann & family,
My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all. Your in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Pamela Cox##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 05:49 PM



“ R.I.P. Jiggs##imported-begin##john franklin##imported-end##

September 05, 2011 at 10:55 AM



“ Sue Ann and family, so sorry for your loss. You have been in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jeff & Alisa Breedlove##imported-end##

September 04, 2011 at 10:49 PM



“ Really sorry we missed the visitation, we just read about this. Jiggs was one of the very rare & true good people there ar in this world. Have alot of fond memories of him, we always brought our catch of the day to see him, turkey or fish did not matter what, he always wanted a picture. Have missed seeing him since we moved to Rolla. Thank you for the great obit.###imported-begin##Jim & Shirley Miller###imported-end##

September 03, 2011 at 06:36 AM



“ BOB AND SUE ANN/I KNEW JIGGS, S WHEN I FIRST GOT MARRIED WE LIVED AT THE ELBOW AND I USED TO WALK TO HIS STORE HE WAS A VERY KIND PERSON AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM, YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS AT THIS SAD TIME.###imported-begin##NORMA SMITH###imported-end##

September 02, 2011 at 05:29 PM



“ Miller Family, a very big loss to family members and we pray that the Good Lord will hold you in his arms and give you comfort during this difficult time. Pulaski County suffers a loss of history with the passing of 'Jiggs" Miller. The Historical Society remembers him with great fondness and with a number of old post cards that depict Devil's Elbow. Also, the post card of Dorothy standing by the Devils' Elbow sign. God Bless you all.###imported-begin##Gordon and Marge Scott###imported-end##

September 02, 2011 at 04:56 PM



“ Dorothy, Charles and Sue Ann, Dad and I send our deepest condolences. Jiggs was like an uncle to me. Dad feels like he lost another good friend. I believe that he and Mom are cracking jokes together now. That makes me smile. David will be at the visitation, representing all of our family. We send our love and prayers.
Pam###imported-begin##Pamela Thompson###imported-end##

September 02, 2011 at 04:33 PM



“ The Elbow will never be the same! I have such fond memories of Jiggs! My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.###imported-begin##Julia West###imported-end##

September 02, 2011 at 10:23 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Dorothy and the Miller families. Carol "Leiker" lives in Lebanon, would love to see you again sometime. Thoughts and prayers from your Kansas cousin.###imported-begin##Doris Dean "McCoy" Martin###imported-end##

September 02, 2011 at 10:19 AM



“ Sue Ann, Bobby and families,
So sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. You are all in our thots and prayers. We will see you tomorrow night at visitation.###imported-begin##Belinda and James Sands###imported-end##

September 01, 2011 at 10:02 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I always remember hanging out at Jiggs store there in the Elbow.##imported-begin##Cindy Greenberg##imported-end##

September 01, 2011 at 08:26 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Dorothy, Charles and Sue Ann--Jiggs was one of a kind and will be greatly missed! May the good Lord hold you close during this difficult time of loss.##imported-begin##Sheila Debo##imported-end##

September 01, 2011 at 10:28 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. My daughter and I enjoyed spending time with Jiggs and Dorothy. We always had a good time when we were with him. He will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Kathy Palmer and Kaitlyn##imported-end##

September 01, 2011 at 09:31 AM



“ I remember Jiggs as a child, loved going in the store getting candy with my mom and dad, he was always very nice to me and still when I would see him at wal-mart he still remembered me. He will be missed by all who knew him. With sincere sympathy!
The Medley Family##imported-begin##Missy Medley Peterson##imported-end##

August 31, 2011 at 11:41 PM



“ Another huge loss for Pulaski County. My deepest condolences to all the family, friends, and loved ones.##imported-begin##Laura Huffman##imported-end##

August 31, 2011 at 09:57 PM



“ To the Miller family. I have very fond memories of Jiggs from growing up. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sarah Southwick Campo.##imported-begin##Sarah Southwick Campo##imported-end##

August 31, 2011 at 08:00 PM