



Hayden M. Miller

October 2, 1914 - April 13, 2016

Hayden M. Miller, age 101, Huntington's oldest World War II veteran, died at 2:10 a.m. Wednesday (April 13, 2016) at Oakbrook Village in Huntington.

Visitation will be from 3 - 7 p.m. Monday (April 18, 2016) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday (April 19, 2016) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Rev. Worlie Newsome officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Pilgrims Rest Cemetery in Huntington with military graveside rites performed by VFW Post #2689 of Huntington.

Preferred memorials are to Gideons International, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Hayden was born on October 2, 1914 in Huntington County, Indiana, the son of Clarence H. and Ethel (Reiger) Miller. He graduated from Huntington High School in 1933 and served in the United States Army during World War II, inducted April 12, 1941 from his hometown of Huntington. He was assigned to the combat engineers and joined the 113th Combat Engineer Battalion. He served honorably in the Pacific Theater until his discharge on November 10, 1945. He saw his first action in the Southern Philippines in the Battle of Leyte where in October of 1944, General Douglas McArthur waded ashore and proclaimed, "I have returned." From there, Hayden advanced in the effort to

reclaim the Philippines. The 113th advances to the Battle of Luzon, which included the Battle of Zig Zag Pass, the capture of Bataan and Corregidor. With the Philippines mostly secure, his unit was sent to New Guinea, where he earned his third Battle Star. As a result of his service, he earned the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Battle Stars, The American Theater Ribbon, The American Defense Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, and the Good Conduct Medal. He married Berniece VanDine on May 29, 1943 in Alexandria, Louisiana, and she preceded him in death on September 18, 1993. He retired from Lock and Chain in Huntington after 20 years of service and then worked at Orton Crane in Huntington. Hayden was a lifetime member of VFW Post #2689 in Huntington and a 75-year member of First Baptist Church in Huntington, where he served as a deacon for over 50 years. At 98 years old, he participated in Honor Flight, and in 2014, he was the Huntington County Veterans' Day Parade Grand Marshall. He loved fishing, gardening, riding his bike, and spending time with his family.

Survivors include a son - David (Joyce) Miller of Huntington; three daughters - Linda (Dennis) Brumbaugh and Lois (Richard) Yarger, both of Huntington, and Sharon (Charles) Abrell of Greensburg; two sisters - Irene Nichols of Columbia City and Mary Catherine Boyd of Huntington; a sister-in-law - Delores Miller of Huntington; several nieces and nephews; 11 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, six brothers - Marion Miller, Homer Miller, Max Miller, Sylvester Miller, Leo Miller, and Cleo Miller, and three sisters - Martha Bridgewater, Maxine Miller, and Inez Miller.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrims Rest Cemetery

4945 N. Jefferson St
Huntington, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

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Tribute Wall

BL

“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Hayden M. Miller



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - April 17, 2016 at 08:46 PM

DS

What a touching and heartwarming video, he will be sadly missed.
Dodie Spradlin

Dodie Spradlin - April 18, 2016 at 04:36 PM

DS

That was very beautiful he was a very loving and sweet man I grew up with his granddaughter Kelly yarger that man was a grandpa to me I even called him grandpa because he wouldnt want it any other way
RIP grandpa

dawna ditton aka dawna smith - April 22, 2016 at 05:40 PM

RH

“ What a beautiful tribute video of Hayden's life . Thank you for sharing. Hayden and Berneice were a wonderful Christian couple. Will always cherish the memories I have of them. Loved spending time in their home . 😊💜



Rhonda Kline Mishler

Rhonda - April 19, 2016 at 12:27 AM



“ *Love and prayers to all.*
Katie Stinson

Kate Stinson - April 18, 2016 at 06:19 PM



“ *Our thoughts, love and prayers are with all of you.*

Shelley Trippe - April 18, 2016 at 11:33 AM



“ *To the family of Hayden Miller, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Terry and Sue*



Terry E Scher - April 18, 2016 at 08:50 AM



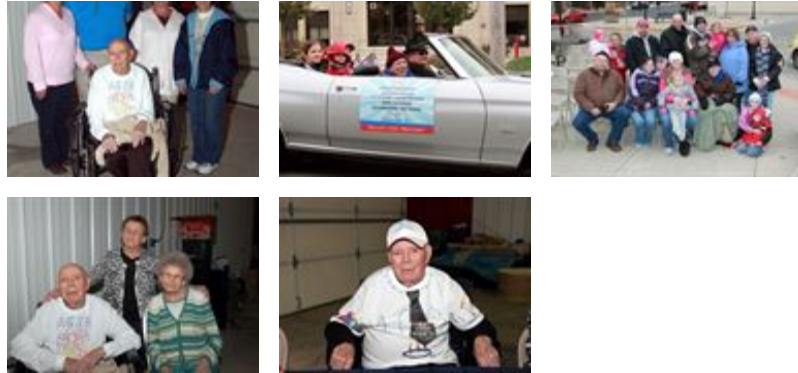
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Terri Purvis - April 17, 2016 at 09:38 PM



“ 25 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - April 17, 2016 at 08:43 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Heather - April 16, 2016 at 10:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Hayden M. Miller.*



April 16, 2016 at 06:33 PM

GJ

“ God Bless, Greg, Bridget, Maeve, Conor and Garrett Jensen purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Hayden M. Miller.



God Bless, Greg, Bridget, Maeve, Conor and Garrett Jensen
- April 16, 2016 at 06:15 PM

JS

“ Jo Anne Slone lit a candle in memory of Hayden M. Miller



Jo Anne Slone - April 16, 2016 at 01:35 PM

LS

“ Lynn Sowders purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Hayden M. Miller.



Lynn Sowders - April 16, 2016 at 11:56 AM

 Gary Stonebraker

“ Gary Stonebraker lit a candle in memory of Hayden M. Miller



Gary Stonebraker - April 16, 2016 at 05:24 AM

DS

“ *Darlene Smith lit a candle in memory of Hayden M. Miller*



Darlene Smith - April 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *So glad to have met Hayden. A good spirit and great company !*

Pattie O - April 15, 2016 at 10:33 PM

LC

“ *Linda Campbell lit a candle in memory of Hayden M. Miller*



Linda Campbell - April 15, 2016 at 09:46 PM

BL

“ *Brent And Lisa Louthan lit a candle in memory of Hayden M. Miller*



Brent and Lisa Louthan - April 15, 2016 at 08:42 PM

TS

“ *To the family of Hayden Miller our thoughts and prayers are with you. Terry and Sue*



Terry E Scher - April 15, 2016 at 06:38 PM

HS

“ *My sympathies to the family. I remember him as a great friend of my father and and also remember him as being kind and gentle.
Helen May (Biehl) Solero*

Helen Solero - April 15, 2016 at 03:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Hayden M. Miller.*



April 15, 2016 at 02:51 PM

 Ken
Larr

“ *Ken Larr lit a candle in memory of Hayden M. Miller*



Ken Larr - April 15, 2016 at 09:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hayden M. Miller.*



April 15, 2016 at 08:14 AM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Dawn Hinthorn - April 14, 2016 at 01:55 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Grandpa*



Josh - April 13, 2016 at 08:39 PM

JO

“ 5 files added to the album Grandpa



Josh - April 13, 2016 at 08:38 PM

DS

My prayers and thoughts go out to this wonderful family Dodie Spradlin

Dodie Sradlin - April 14, 2016 at 09:48 AM

DW

David - I remember Uncle Hayden is such as gentle man I never would have guessed he was in the army. After I had a serious car accident in 1988 I remember Mom (Marilyn Goings, formerly Earhart) telling me that Aunt Berniece prayed for me and I knew I would be alright.

Danny Walchle - April 15, 2016 at 05:41 PM