



## Richard Edward Miller

November 13, 1947 - February 10, 2025

Richard E. Miller (Peanut) 77 of North Port FL formerly of Altoona PA never met a stranger and he never failed to make an impression. Good or bad he was the type of person you'll never forget. He was unique, larger than life, and definitely one of a kind. Born in Altoona, a proud Juniata kid, who attended Altoona High before heading off to serve his country in the United States Army. He was a proud Vietnam Veteran, who bled red, white & blue his entire life. After completing his military service, he worked for Chicago Bridge & Iron on large commercial construction projects around the country. He returned to Altoona to work for Conrail for a brief period, eventually joining the Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 19 where he continued commercial construction work in the Philadelphia area and passionately supported his union. His work ethic and leadership skills took him from an entry level welder to top management to owning his own business, Keystone Construction.

Peanut always enjoyed hard work, so when he "retired" he bought a 105 acre farm in Tyrone, living there for 18 years with his wife Pam before moving to Florida. He enjoyed growing crops for all the wildlife.

He loved to fish, ride his Harley, tell jokes, entertain groups with his colorful stories, and play practical jokes on everyone he could. He was a dedicated member of the Masonic Logan Lodge No 490 Altoona PA, Jaffa Shriners Altoona PA, Huntingdon Commandry No 65 where he was a past Commander

of the Knights Templar, he was also past Chaplain of the Widow Sons Faithful Defenders Masonic Riders Association Bedford PA.

As a former bodybuilder and power lifter, he was a strong man until his final day.

Additionally, he was a beloved husband to Pam Miller; proud father to Kelly and Scott Miller; Caring Stepfather to Brett, Laikan, Marina (Brad Mayne) Replogle; loving Pappy to Logan Quintanilla; Haylee, Henlee and Haislee Mayne; and devoted brother to Donna (Ed) Riegel, Mary (Jarvis) Showers Simmons, Tina (Bob) Latshaw, Robert (Karen) Miller. He had many nieces and nephews that he loved to play jokes on too.

Peanut was ready to join his family waiting for him around the corner siblings: Herk(Judy)Miller, Cindy (Francis) DeAntonio and parents: Catherine and Ed Helsel.

One of the last things he said was "Don't cry for me. I had a great life."

And of course, he was ready to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He will be missed by many.

There will definitely never be another one like him.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to a no-kill animal shelter of your choice.

A celebration of life will be held July 19th in Altoona PA.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Pam and peanut In North Port during season when I was renting and they were visiting with friends. My first impression was “his is a little crazy. “ but the following year when they were down visiting again, I realized he was so much fun. You had to know how to take him and if he liked you, he loved you. I was one of those fortunate ones. I sat with him many times out in front of his house as he told me jokes that made me blush. He was definitely one of a kind RIP peanut.💜

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**Peggy K.** - February 14, 2025 at 02:06 PM

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“ I had the honor of working with Peanut for about a year as his Occupational Therapist. Peanut and Pam shared their life stories with me and always made me feel like part of the family. Peanut was an amazing person full of laughter, strength and honor. He use to tell me how much I helped him and brought him joy during our visits. I would remind him that it was he who helped me and brought me joy. Peanut, I will never forget you and always remember you with a smile. Fly with God and the angels.  
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**Heidi Lamar** - February 14, 2025 at 01:37 PM