

**C**harles L. Miller, age 81, of Storm Lake, Iowa, died Friday, April 18, 2008 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Charles was born September 26, 1926 in Sac City, Iowa, the son of William S. and Aletha (Owen) Miller. He was baptized in the Methodist Church as an infant and confirmed his faith as a youth. He attended Storm Lake Community School and graduated from Storm Lake High School with the class of 1943. He then continued his education at Buena Vista College in Storm Lake for the next three and a half years.



On July 15, 1946, Charles was united in marriage to Dorothy Ford in New Orleans, Louisiana. The couple was blessed with five children: Virgil, Kay, Tom, Rick and Doug.

Charles joined the United States Navy and served his country during World War II. A patriot his entire life, Charles was a member of the Alta Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion in Storm Lake. A lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, Charles was currently a faithful member of the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake.

Charles was an outdoorsman and sports enthusiast. He loved all kinds of sports, enjoyed hunting ducks and pheasants, and liked to go fishing. He always enjoyed attending his grandchildren's activities.

His family was always first in his life, however, and he treasured the time he spent with his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 61 years, Dorothy of Storm Lake; children: Virgil (Phyllis) Miller of Storm Lake; Kay (Gary) Oehler of Storm Lake; Tom (Nancy) Miller of Storm Lake; Rick (Debby) Miller of Vincenne, Indiana; and Doug (Tracy) Miller of Storm Lake; grandchildren: Brian (Carrie) Miller, Tammy (Kevin) Turner, Sheri (Brandon) Ripke, Michael Miller, Pam O'Brien, Terry Zusla Oehler, Jenni (Brent) Jones, J.J. O'Brien, Tami Oehler (Eric), Melissa Miller, T.J. Miller, Chucky Tony Miller, Christopher (Connie) Miller, Gregory Miller, Samantha Miller, Amanda Miller and Alexis Miller; 23 great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law: Helen Ford, Joyce (Ted) Patterson and Audrey Miller; nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, William Miller; two sisters, Ardis and Evelyn; and one nephew, Mike Miller.



## Celebrating A Special Life



**Charles L. Miller**

1926



2008

## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I've found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me.  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

— author unknown

**W**e wish to express our sincere gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship at the church following the interment.

 **The Miller Family**

## IN MEMORY OF

### Charles L. Miller

September 26, 1926  April 18, 2008

#### FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.  
United Methodist Church — Storm Lake, Iowa

#### CLERGY

Reverend Jerry Oakland

#### ORGANIST

Deanna Larson

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

Recorded Selections

"Help Pour Out The Rain" by Buddy Jewel  
"Go Rest High On That Mountain" by Vince Gill

#### CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

"Old Rugged Cross"

#### CASKET BEARERS

Charles' Grandsons and Great-Grandsons

#### INTERMENT

Military Honors by Alta V.F.W. Post 6172  
Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery — Storm Lake, Iowa

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