



Johnny R Miller

September 25, 1949 - March 31, 2020

Wilmer, Alabama — Johnny Ray Miller Sr. 70, known to his friends and family as Bear, left this plane of existence, March 31, 2020 at his home in Fairview surrounded by family following a two year illness of COPD and kidney failure. He departed expressing he was feeling fine and a smile on his handsome bearded face.

He leaves his eldest son, Johnny Ray Miller Jr. and his daughter-in-law, Brandy; his daughter, Dawn M. Miller; his youngest son Scott Bradley Miller and daughter-in-law Erin Miller; grandchildren, Joshua Mosteiro, Josianne Mosteiro, Austin Miller, Dakota Parnell, Garrett Parnell, and Angelique Miller; his beautiful sisters, Barbara Buckalew and Marie Kelly; his brother Louis Miller and sister-in-law Esther Boopie Miller; many nieces and nephews; and a great many other family and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents LaVera (England) Miller Nicholas and her husband Leroy Nicholas; sisters Sandra Goldman Norman, Carmen Brenda Slater Zamarron.

Born and raised in Mobile, Johnny was a graduate of Murphy High School in 1969. He was also a resident of New Orleans in which he claimed as his home.

Mr. Miller worked for Granny's Donuts in the Plaza in New Orleans East, then later for Tastee Donuts. He then bought the name and opened his own Granny's Donut and Bake Shop in Mobile and Tillman's Corner. He was also an avid lover of flea markets, buying and selling.

Johnny not only took pride in his business, but truly relished the friends he made during his time in business. Over the years, his donut making expertise and reputation led him to be one of the top donut makers on the Gulf Coast. He introduced the King Cake and the beignet to Mobile in the early 80's. He worked in the French Quarter also.

He had a profound love for Gulf Shores and getting his whole extended family together for Independence Day in his early years. He also enjoyed gathering his family together for reunions and cookouts in later years.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date in the Mobile surrounding area.

In lieu of flowers, we will be asking that food be brought instead. We know that not everyone will be able to do this and that's okay. Everyone is welcome.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Such a good man. He went with me and Dawn to pass out blankets and socks to homeless people, one winter. Just the sweetest guy. I was so sad when i heard he had passed. I know he's missed in this world <3*

Melissa Hadden - January 29, 2021 at 12:24 PM

 Dawn Miller

Thank you for this memory. We had an amazing day and he wasn't going to let us go alone. He said he was going to protect us & serve the community, at the same time. ❤️❤️❤️

Dawn Miller - January 31, 2021 at 03:56 PM

 Dawn Miller

“ *Sharing a few photos*



Dawn Miller - August 17, 2020 at 04:07 AM