

# Willard L. Miller

Occupant Name: Willard L. Miller

Location: **Section J, Lot 12**

Date of Birth: 3/12/1919

Date of Death: 8/29/1978

Date of Burial: 9/2/1978

Veteran: Yes

Lot Owner: Willard Miller

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:

A Brownstown man died Tuesday night from injuries received when he was thrown from his pickup truck following a car-truck mishap on U.S. 50, two miles east of Brownstown.

Willard L. "Boog" Miller, 59, Brownstown R2, died about 7 p. m. Tuesday while being transported from Seymour to an Indianapolis hospital.

Authorities said the exact cause of Mr. Miller's death is not known. State police said he sustained severe injuries to the body and a skull fracture in the accident.

Trooper Patti A. Brock of Indiana State Police, Seymour post, gave this account of the accident:

Miller and his wife were westbound on U.S. 50 at 4 p. m. Tuesday. A car driven by Mary B. Wright, 27, of 320 W. Walnut St., Brownstown, was eastbound on the roadway.

While rounding a curve on the slick road, the Wright vehicle slid left of center into the path of the pickup truck. The car struck the truck in the driver's door.

Trooper Brock reported Miller's truck swerved off U.S. 50 and then came back on to the road. The truck flipped four times and Miller was thrown from the truck.

Miller was taken by ambulance to Jackson County Schneck Memorial Hospital. Later he was transported by ambulance to Indiana University Medical Center at Indianapolis. While near Columbus on Interstate 65, Miller died. He was taken to Bartholomew County Hospital.

Lela Miller, 57, his wife, was taken to the Seymour hospital with a fractured left shoulder, six broken ribs and broken right foot, the officer reported. She was admitted Tuesday. Hospital officials listed her in stable condition today.

Mary Wright, the driver of the car, was taken by ambulance to the Seymour hospital with multiple puncture wounds in her left arm and a sprained right ankle. She complained of pains in the hip and was admitted to the hospital. Officials at the hospital said she was in satisfactory condition this morning.

Both vehicles received extensive damage.

Mr. Miller was the sixth person to die in a traffic accident in Jackson County in 1978. A year ago on this date, 11 persons had died in traffic mishaps.

Assisting Indiana State Police were three members of Jackson County Sheriff's office. They were Joe Shirley, Willis Pollert and Lt. Joe Horig.

Services for Mr. Miller will be conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday from Winklepleck-Weesner Funeral Home, Brownstown, with the Rev. Elvin Gray, pastor of Brownstown Christian Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery where graveside military rites will be conducted.

Friends may call after 7 p. m. Thursday at Winklepleck-Weesner Funeral Home.

Mr. Miller was an operating engineer for heavy equipment. A lifelong resident Col. 5, back page, this sect.

