



Carlisle Events' Co-Founder Chip Miller dies at 61

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([PRWEB](#)) March 31, 2004 -- Miller lost battle with rare disease Amyloidosis.

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Chip left this world "without any pain," his family said. "He had a smile on his face which let us know he was happy to move forward on his journey to a much better place. It was beautiful to see him with the sign of peace as he ventured off to his new home where someday we'll all be joining him. ... We appreciate all of your love and support during this trying time."

Miller was diagnosed with primary Amyloidosis in December 2003. The rare plasma cell disorder, which attacks the body's main organs, affects about 2,000 people each year. Currently, there is no cure.

After the diagnosis, Chip and his wife, Judy, established a Web site at CaringBridge (www.caringbridge.org/pa/chipmiller.org) to keep family and friends updated during diagnosis and treatment. Visitors to the site were able to read Chip's patient journal and leave words of support in the guest book. Chip and Judy used this site to communicate with the many, many well-wishers who had expressed their concern.

Miller was born in Abington, Pa., on Oct. 27, 1942. He graduated from high school in Jenkintown, Pa. and earned an associate degree in mechanical power technology from the State University of New York in Farmingdale, Long Island.

His first job out of college was at an auto body shop, where he learned how to restore classic cars. In 1966, Miller married his high-school sweetheart, Judy Lachman. He then designed conveyors until 1981, when he and Bill Miller bought the Carlisle Fairgrounds, and he focused full time on Carlisle Events.

Chip and Bill Miller started the first automotive event at Carlisle in 1974. Their business has grown to 12 automotive events this year, including Chip's favorite, Corvettes at Carlisle. Each year, more than half a million people come to events at the Carlisle Fairgrounds.

His interest in automobiles began when, as a child, he saw a magazine in a gutter with a custom car on the cover. He became fascinated with Chevrolet Corvettes after seeing an ad for a new 1957 Corvette. Chip has owned more than 80 Corvettes in his life, as well as many other vehicles. He was very interested in racing, especially vintage Corvettes.

Miller was a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America, Shelby Owners Club and at least a dozen Corvette clubs, including the YCCC, LCCC, CCWP, NCCC, NCRS and C-5 Registry.

Miller is survived by his wife, Judy (Lachman) Miller of Carlisle; son Lance Miller of Ocean City, N.J.; daughter Evelyn Menges and her husband Duane of Coatesville; daughter Jennifer Gundersen and her husband Rob of Reading; five granddaughters, Jessica, Victoria, Sydney, Alexandra and Taylor; sister Ellen Delaney of



Toledo, Ohio; and brother Randy Miller of Brighton, Mich.

Chip remained positive until the end and continued to think of others rather than himself. “It shows how selfless Chip was and the wonderful person he was,” said Diane Vaughn, co-worker and friend of Chip’s for more than 20 years. “He wanted to widen the knowledge of this disease so that through him, others will live.”

“He’s lived an extraordinary life and he has nothing for which to atone,” said John Detrick, Carlisle Events’ CEO.

Memorial services will be held April 3 at 2 p.m. at Brethren in Christ Church, 1155 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17013. There is limited seating, and the church will open at noon.

A reception will follow at the Carlisle Fairgrounds (1000 Bryn Mawr Road, Carlisle) at approximately 3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending the reception is asked to RSVP by Thursday, April 1, online at www.carsatcarlisle.com or by calling (717) 243-7855, ext. 133.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Chip Miller Charitable Foundation, 1000 Bryn Mawr Road, Carlisle, PA 17013-1588. “This will help research and hopefully cure this rare disease,” said the Miller family.



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