



## William Allen Miller

November 7, 1976 - March 22, 2022

William Allen Miller, 45, passed in peace at his Leesburg home, March 22nd. He will be missed by his dad, Jim Miller, Jim's siblings, step-mom, Donna, Donna's siblings and brothers, Andy Miller and Shane Price and the rest of the family. He will also be missed by his extraordinary loving friend, Jackie Turcsanyi and hundreds of other friends who loved him. He was predeceased by his mother, Joanne Keller.

Bill has been totally paralyzed and on a ventilator for 24.5 years. Yet he still graduated from the University of Florida with honors. He then got his Master's Degree from Western Carolina University where he became an online teaching assistant.

Bill and Claude Giguere invented the IKAN Bowler, a device that allowed Bill to bowl. It can be seen in action on Bill's website: [Lookmomnohands.net](http://Lookmomnohands.net). The bowler has brought joy to many disabled veterans and others.

Bill was patient and kind, always trying to help others with what he could do on the computer. He focused on what he could do, not what he couldn't. He had a "no worries" philosophy that he shared with others.

From 5/13/2020: What do you want to be remembered for in the event of your death?

"That I always try to help people, which I believe is doing God's will. I try to

have a positive impact where I can, and one thing about becoming a C1-2 vent-dependent quadriplegic is that it's given me a relatively unusual platform, and I think more opportunities to impact people positively. One reason why is because all people have to do is take one look at me in this giant wheelchair with the vent on back to know that I must have some different perspectives on life than they do. So, I think that helps people "hear" what I have to share."

What happened? Wednesday, the 16th, we took Bill to the ER, because he was having trouble speaking, etc. They found a large mass in the left side of his brain. We've had two opinions and they didn't recommend surgery or other measures. They said he might have days, weeks, or months. He was awake for this news and said with his first sentence in a while, "I'm not worried." This has helped us to be at peace throughout his passing. Steroids helped bring his ability to speak back, so he got to say goodbye and enjoy his family and close friends on Saturday and Sunday.

Monday night, I tucked Bill in with "Alexa - shuffle Bill's Jesus Music" and my "Goodnight Buster." When I went to turn him at 2 am, he had passed.

He's carried the heavy burden of total paralysis for almost 25 years. He's finally put it down and moved on to heaven, where he's finally able bodied again.

Good night, Buster. We love you. Go Gators!

A viewing will be held in Beyers Funeral Home Chapel at 1123 W Main St, Leesburg on Tuesday March 29th from 5-7 pm.

Save the Date! Bill wrote a book, which we will share at a Celebration of Life/Book Launching at the Venetian Center 5-7 pm (book launching and brief service at 6:30) on August 23, 2022, the 25th anniversary of his injury.

Instead of flowers, please consider a non-tax-deductible donation in his memory, to his fellow quad friend, Rhonda Reese, payable to Rhonda's Benefit Trust Fund. Mail to Beyers Funeral Home, 1123 W Main St. Leesburg, FL 34748.

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ I send sorrow to the Miller family. my Dad had an illness and Bob Johnson helped me after he passed. My Grandmother passed at a young age. God Bless. Charles Sadler.

charles candler sadler - June 23, 2024 at 04:51 AM

CB

“ The pictures are so nice. Bill had a wonderful smile. My prayers and thoughts are with you. He was a wonderful, amazing young man.

Carol Bewley - May 03, 2022 at 04:14 PM

PC

“ As sad as I am that Bill is no longer with us, I take comfort in knowing that he was not afraid, and he is now soaring with the angels.  
Aunt Pam

Pamela Collins - March 28, 2022 at 07:41 PM

MB

“ May Bill rest in peace, and fly high.

Mandy Bass - March 28, 2022 at 01:27 PM

LG

“ My thoughts and prayers to the Miller family.

Linda D Gussler - March 28, 2022 at 10:46 AM

BH

“ I knew Bill from the Quad Squad bowling team. He liked to help people in any way he could. Bill was an outgoing and caring person. See you in heaven my friend. I will miss our late night talks

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**Brenda Faye Halsey** - March 27, 2022 at 11:48 PM

JZ

“ So sorry for your loss.

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**Jo Zimmerman** - March 26, 2022 at 07:34 PM

AD

“ My deepest condolences to all your family. I was completely shocked and heartbroken when I heard that Bill had passed away. I will always cherish the memories we had growing up together at Montessori and then being such good friends in high school. I always admired him for the things he overcame and accomplished after his accident and how he didn't let it stop living his life. I always knew that he was just a click away if I needed someone to talk to. One of my last interactions with him was him asking me to read his manuscript and now I feel like I hold a piece of him with me forever. Your family is in my prayers and I am sending you all my love. Bill will forever be missed but will always be in the hearts of those who loved him. I wish I could attend his service but I will be out of town.



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**Anji Duggan** - March 26, 2022 at 06:49 PM

“ Bill is the son my wife Sharon and I never had. I met Bill over twenty years ago when I was volunteering in the courtroom of Judge Donna Miller, Bill's Stepmom. There was a picture of Bill on her desk. I inquired about the picture. Judge Miller said that she had been looking for someone to help her stepson Bill bowl. I said I wanted to meet Bill , and as a retired engineer thought I could help him bowl. And so, the wonderful story of our relationship began.

We met many times, putting our ideas together, and eventually, in 2002, came up with what would eventually be called the IKAN Bowler. Bill spent endless hours testing it and making suggestions on improvements. We were so proud of our invention...finally a way for disabled people, especially high level quadriplegics, to bowl.

What a miracle that we met. In spite of his physical limitations, Bill's mind was always working on ways to improve the IKAN Bowler and the company that we formed in 2004, MGT Corporation (Manufacturing Genuine Thrills). Bill worked hard to communicate with his network of friends, some of whom were also disabled, encouraging them to participate in the fun and competitiveness of a sport again...bowling. The IKAN Bowler eventually won the prestigious Da Vinci Award and was accepted by the The American Bowling Congress and the Women's International Bowling Congress for all league play. It has been purchased by persons on five continents.

Bill has helped so many people in his life. He introduced my wife and I to the Quad Squad. Because of him our lives have been enriched beyond description. Bill, we will miss your wry wit, your intelligence, your love and caring for us and so many others and your faith that everything will be OK...."no worries".

We love you Bill and know that in heaven you will find peace from the struggles you have endured with such grace and strength.

Our deepest condolences to Bill's family.

*"Merci pour tout "(thank you for everything). Peace be with you and all who know and love you.*

*Claude and Sharon Giguere*

*PS Everyone is welcome to visit the history of the Ikan Bowler Tribute which we've dedicated to Bill's memory for all that he contributed to making the Bowler a success. This Tribute is located in the lobby of the AMF Leesburg Lanes, 2813 West Main St., Leesburg, Florida. (352-787-3335)*

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**Claude and Sharon Giguere** - March 26, 2022 at 11:26 AM

JH

“ *Dear Jim, Don just informed me of the passing of Billy. My most sincerest condolences for you and your family. I've been able to follow Billy's life through Don and Bill's website and he's truly been an inspiration to me and my family. God bless you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are will you all. Jack Hollowed*

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**John Hollowed** - March 25, 2022 at 03:12 PM

PO

“ *I knew Bill through bowling and will miss him.*

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**Peggy Overbey** - March 24, 2022 at 09:20 PM

DS

“ *Giggles here, I will miss your inspiration. My heart and prayers go out to your family. I can imagine you walking in heaven. Hopefully you can play some baseball  
Love ya*

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**Deborah Stephenson** - March 24, 2022 at 02:29 PM

ES

“ *Ed and Lilian as part of the Quad squad we will truly miss our friend and leader.*

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**Edwin Sherman** - March 24, 2022 at 02:14 PM

KM

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, but I'm praising Bill's gain as he's walking on streets of gold. Bill was a great and supportive friend. We may have joked around about the Gators and the Cubs while bowling, but then we'd talk about serious things. He was a kind person and I'm so thankful to have known him. Praying for comfort and peace during this time for all of you.*

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**Kristen Mann** - March 24, 2022 at 12:35 PM

BD

“ *I did not know Alex, but read the obituary because he was so young.*

*What an inspiration he has been for so many. I wish I had known him.*

*Prayers for his family. I look forward to reading his book.*

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**BARBARA DAVIS** - March 24, 2022 at 11:06 AM

CF

“ My sincere condolences to Bill's family. I met Bill online in 2015 when I purchased my IKAN Bowling Ramp. I am a C2 quad as well and the ramp has enabled me to participate in the fun at many gatherings of family and friends. Thanks Bill! Bill was inspirational with his openly expressed love for and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is with the Lord now, taking big, deep breaths on his own, whenever he wants and is unbound from the straps of the wheelchair. I will think of Bill often. He was one of my "go to guys" to discuss quad related issues.

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**Chuck Foss** - March 24, 2022 at 10:46 AM

JS

“ I was able to spend time with Bill during my last trip to Florida in 2018. Watched him bowl, and had a blast. I originally met him when we both worked at Olive Garden. He was always so positive even then. He will be missed.

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**Jennis Slaughter** - March 24, 2022 at 10:31 AM

AG

“ I have always admired Bill's courage and strength. He was an excellent role model and cousin and will be truly missed.

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**Anita Ghebeles** - March 24, 2022 at 10:27 AM

TH

“ So Sad to hear of Bill Passing, He was an insiration to many people and accomplished so many things. He away had a smile and a Hi when ever you met up with him. He will be missed !!

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**Thomas Hutchins** - March 24, 2022 at 09:59 AM

BH

“ *Thoughts and prayers to all. You accomplished so much.*

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**Bill Hayes** - March 23, 2022 at 10:15 PM