

DAD'S HANDS

His hands knew the language of the land,
Reading wheat fields beneath God's endless sky.
He planted with faith, harvested with gratitude,
Trusting the Lord for each season's blessing.

If something was broken, he found a way.
With patience, tools, and quiet wisdom,
He mended more than tractors and fences-
He repaired worries, burdens, and weary hearts.

Like the wheat he tended, he stood through storms,
Rooted in Christ, steady and true.
He taught us that hard work honors God,
And that kindness is a harvest of its own.

Now the fields wave gently in the wind,
And though we miss his presence here,
We rejoice knowing he has heard the words,
"Well done, good and faithful servant."

His earthly work is finished,
But the seeds of faith, love, and character he planted
Will continue to grow in all who knew him.

**Forever our father, farmer, fixer,
And faithful follower of Christ.**

In Loving Memory of



Loyd Willie Miller
March 10, 1936 ~ June 14, 2026

Loyd Willie Miller was born on March 10, 1936, at the family farm near Bessie, Oklahoma, to Otto and Anna (Foote) Miller. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at Shady Pines in Thomas, Oklahoma, on June 14, 2026, at the age of 90.

Loyd was raised east of Bessie and attended Flynn Rural School before graduating from Cordell High School in 1955. He grew up attending the Bessie Mennonite Brethren Church with his family and accepted Christ as his Savior in 1945. His faith remained a guiding force throughout his life and led him to lifelong service within the church.

It was at the Bessie Mennonite Brethren Church that Loyd met the love of his life, Lucy Helen Jane Bartel. After choir practice one evening, he asked if he could take Jane home and they were later married on December 28, 1954, in the same church where they first met.

Together, Loyd and Jane made their home in Cordell, Oklahoma, where they raised their two children, Rick and Connie. Loyd was known for his strong work ethic and spent many years operating a backhoe and trencher, installing telephone lines throughout the area. In addition, he farmed and did custom harvesting, never shying away from hard work.

Family was at the center of Loyd's life. He cherished spending time outdoors with those he loved, especially summers at Crowder Lake. A devoted member of the Cordell Bible Mennonite Brethren Church, he faithfully served as a trustee and generously gave his time helping with maintenance projects and church events.

Loyd rarely missed an opportunity to attend family gatherings, school activities, and sporting events. Some of his most treasured memories were made taking his grandsons fishing and sharing simple moments together. He will be remembered as a handyman who could fix nearly anything and a good-natured jokester who enjoyed dressing up for Halloween.

Loyd was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Jane; daughter, Connie Dodson and her husband, Gary; granddaughter, Brooke Caswell; sister, Esther Howard; sister-in-law, Jean Miller; and brothers, Herbert Miller and wife, Clara, Walter Miller and wife, Ann and Raymond Miller.

Loyd is survived by his son, Rick Miller and wife, Donna; grandson, Colby Miller and his wife, Megan; grandson, Cory Miller and wife, Rebecca; grandson-in-law, Joshua Caswell; great-grandchildren, Iker Miller, Scout and Bo Miller and Axel and Abel Caswell; and brother Alfred Miller.

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Funeral Service

Thursday, June 18, 2026, 11:00 A.M.
Bible Mennonite Brethren Church
Cordell, Oklahoma

Order of Service

Prelude: LoRita Holman

Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer: Barry Rice

Obituary: Colby Miller

Video Presentation

Message: Kevin Creed

Congregational Singing: Jim Evetts

Closing Prayer: Barry Rice

Postlude: LoRita Holman

Media: Tate and Taylor Kimbro

Casketbearers

Colby Miller	Cory Miller
Iker Miller	Joshua Caswell
Dr. Michael Kiehn	Danny Watkins
Kevin Nightengale	Keith Javorsky

Honorary Casketbearers

Scout Miller	Axel Caswell
Bo Miller	Abel Caswell
Spencer Ard	Joshua Lambert
Hagan Ard	Jared Lambert
Jordan Lambert	

Final Resting Place

Bible Mennonite Brethren Cemetery
Bessie, Oklahoma