



Jon Stark Miller

February 13, 1942 - January 21, 2021

On the afternoon of January 21, 2021, Jon Miller passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side. He was 78 years of age.

Jon had a passion for model trains. Over the years he made countless friends attending conventions, Saturday lunches, and meets and was a life member of the National Model Railroad Association for over 45 years. He also belonged to the Santa Fe Historical and Modeling Society. Many knew him by the signature hat he wore and his quote. "For me time stopped in 1941." Up till near the end, he was a very active member of many online train discussion groups.

Early retirement allowed Jon to spend more time at the domes he had built in his younger years. He raised chickens and goats and enjoyed the occasional tractor ride in the backyard. He even kept himself busy building a second train layout in the attic. Every year without fail, we always celebrated Thanksgiving dinner with friends and family that could make the drive.

He will forever be loved and missed.

Jon is survived by his daughter Stephanie, who lives in Fremont, CA.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

At this time, we ask that no flowers be sent. Instead, to honor Jon's love for model trains and Siamese cats, please consider making a donation to a model railroading association/society or an animal rescue/shelter.

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials. If you are planning on attending a service, please contact the funeral home in advance, so that we can plan accordingly.

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Nancy Nanna - March 08, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ I remember when my cousin, Jon was born in Constantine Michigan when I was 5 years old. We grew up as kids, playing and sometimes getting in trouble together! Family trips to Lake Michigan with Jon, his parents, Woodie and Beulah and my parents, my sister Joyce and I were a summer treat!. As an adult my then husband, Allen helped Jon get a job at Lockheed in the San Francisco Bay Area. Later when Jon was between jobs, he lived with us. At the same time our foster daughters, Jeannie and Gypsy also lived with us so we had fun family times together. Allen, Jon and I bought land together in Covelo which is in isolated Round Valley, northeast of Ukiah, California. That is where Jon built his two Geodesic Domes with the help of our friend, Jerry Hayes. Allen and I moved to Ukiah in Mendocino County and sold our half of the property in Covelo. There were four of us cousins in the Miller Family. My sister Joyce passed in 2002, Ann in 2020 and now Jon in 2021. As kids, we thought that we would always be there and nothing would ever change. Now I am the only one left and it feels very strange! Be kind and love another while we can! Holding Jon's family and friends in the Light, With love, Cousin Nancy



Nancy Nanna - March 07, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ Nancy Nanna lit a candle in memory of Jon Stark Miller



Nancy Nanna - March 07, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ I met Jon through the Santa Fe Railway Historical and Modeling Society conventions. He had a fascinating knowledge of the Santa Fe and shared it freely with others. I have a number of his emails that I kept for further reference. His email address was ATSF@. He made a difference to those of us who knew him and will be remembered. My sympathy to all who grieve.

Steve Sandifer - March 06, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ A cousin to me, Jon was inventive, wrote me of his little menagerie of animals, liked to talk about growing up in Constantine, Mi where I currently live. I looked forward to hearing from him and always hoped he could visit. He was devoted to his daughter. I send her my condolences.



Angela Birdsall - March 04, 2021 at 07:42 AM