



## Elwood LeRoy "Butch" Miller

July 31, 1940 - November 2, 2025

Born and raised in Mason City, Iowa, Elwood "Butch" was the youngest of 8 children born to Alice(Gabriel) and Scottie Miller. His older brother brought the family to El Cajon, California, when he was in the 10th grade. Butch attended El Cajon Valley High School where he was recognized as an up and coming writing talent, even securing the notice of Walt Disney who offered him a job in the corporate offices, which he turned down to pursue his own writing. He attended San Diego City College and San Diego State where he and his brothers opened a coffee shop called Circe's Cup, an original "beatnik" hang out adjacent to the college. Butch had varied interests and topical expertise, and was an accomplished scholar and writer on multiple projects. His most successful book was titled "Passion For Murder" where he was the first to challenge Sigmund Freud's theories based on exhaustive research and asserted that Dr. Freud killed a family member. He collaborated with another artist to write a musical rock opera based on the life of the Egyptian King "Ahknaton " Other projects focused on the works and life of Shakespeare and wrote several plays about him writing under the name "Eric Miller" as he was also known. His greatest talent however, was poetry and he wrote numerous books of poetry throughout his life. Butch was able to travel to and live in China and Taiwan, where he studied ancient Chinese culture and learned to speak Chinese while teaching English to Chinese children. He was also a student of the teachings of Einstein and Immanuel Velikovsky, befriendng both Velikovsky and his wife. Butch utilized his writing skills vocationally in the

resume and due diligence industries. He was a kind and sensitive man to everyone who knew him and would give his shirt off his back to anyone who asked. He is predeceased by his mother Alice (Gabriel) Miller, his siblings James, Donald, Dolly, Scott, Richard, Joyce and Marie. He is survived by his two daughters Rhonda (Michael) Mallory and Carrie Brandt, his 5 grandchildren whom he loved dearly: Derrick (Carmen), Jordann and Tiffany Brandt; Brooke and Daniel Mallory and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. He was very loved and will be missed by all whom loved him. His family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Vibrant Living Care home and Lightbridge Hospice for the amazing care and compassion they extended to him in his final years. The family is also asking for no donations or flowers but to do an act of kindness in his honor.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **12**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dad- even though intellectually we knew this day would come, and at 85 you lived a long full life- it still seems surreal that you are not here. I was just thinking about making sure I get the pie you like for Thanksgiving, and then it hit me you will not be with us this year. I will miss the rest of my life but will find comfort in all the laughs and love we shared. Love you, Ronz

Rhonda Mallory - November 11, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elwood LeRoy "Butch" Miller.



November 10, 2025 at 01:54 PM

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“ Dean, Dee Ann, LeRoy abd families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elwood LeRoy "Butch" Miller.

Dean, Dee Ann, LeRoy abd families - November 10, 2025 at 01:54 PM

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“ *RIP our dearest Eric .  
We all miss your presence already here at your home at Vibrant Living .*

*Eric was such a kind, respectful, and a sensitive soul as he was to everyone else .*

*He loved sharing his precious and beautiful poetry with us because it came from his heart so much so he would tear at times . We loved listening to him and about his books writing achievements.*

*Eric was loved by everyone especially the children that visited our home .*

*He also loved to celebrate everyone's Birthday and "boy" did he love cake .*

*We wish we had just one more Christmas to celebrate with him but we know for sure his spirit will always be with us and in our hearts . We are blessed to have so many Treasured and unforgettable memories of him .*

*Heartfelt condolences to the Family .  
From Melody and everyone at Vibrant Living .*

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**Melody** - November 07, 2025 at 08:08 PM

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“ *RIP and goodbye Dad. You were unique, certainly one of kind and you were so kind and sensitive. Hyper- sensitive as you would say. The holidays will be so different without you and you will be missed. I pray you are in the arms of Jesus and that your unique brain is restored to perfect health !! Love you 🥰*

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**Carrie Brandt** - November 07, 2025 at 12:53 PM