

Floyd Leslie Miller, 87, passed away on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at Springmeadows Assisted Living. He was born on September 19, 1919 in Waco, Nebraska to Leslie and Bernice (Thorne) Miller.

Floyd joined the United States Army in 1940 during World War II, in the European Theater of Operations; he was honorably discharged in August of 1945. He immediately re-enlisted in the Nebraska National Guard, serving for 13 years.

He married his hometown sweetheart, Mary Anne Derby, on May 3, 1941 in Little Rock, Arkansas where he was stationed at Camp Joseph T. Robinson.

Floyd took advantage of the G.I. Bill by enrolling in the Milford Trade School, where he learned Cabinet Making. He completed a three-year course in one year and began using these skills in 1946. He worked as a cabinetmaker in Nebraska, California and New York.

In 1975 the family moved from California to Nebraska where he began purchasing old houses, remodeling them and selling them to waiting buyers. He was presented an award at the York Country Club for helping to "beautify the city". He did at least forty of these homes and also built three new homes.

Floyd and Mary Anne first moved to Bozeman in 1988, they moved away from Bozeman on two occasions always coming back, the final time in 2003.

One thing he did that everyone enjoyed was his piano playing. He played by ear, never having had a lesson. He started at the age of eight and has enjoyed playing in many arenas. He was asked to play the big grand piano in the old Governor's Mansion in Sacramento, CA, which is now an historic building. He has also created paintings with oil and acrylic median and carved many items from various kinds of wood.

Floyd is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary Anne Miller of Bozeman, daughters Melody Anne Corbin of Bozeman and Vicki Michelle (Mike) Pratt of La Palma, CA; son, Rocky Gene Miller of Capitan, NM; grandchildren, Keith Miller of El Paso, TX, Kyle Miller of Seattle, WA, Noell (Corbin) Larson of Atlanta, GA, Melissa (Corbin) Steiner of Bozeman, Tawny Pratt of Cypress, Ca and Kiley (Pratt) Waddington of Lakewood, CA and seven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Violet Stephenson.

A memorial service will be held at 2 pm Saturday, June 9th at Kirkwood Baptist Church in Bozeman. Private family graveside services with military honors will be held in Sunset Hills Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Bozeman Deaconess Foundation, Cardiac Rehab. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service.