

J. Max Miller, 86, Redkey, died Saturday at Jay County Hospital.

Born on Aug. 24, 1921, in Redkey to Paul and Mary Mae (Reynolds) Miller, he graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1940. He was married on Sept. 15, 1946, to Kitty Booher, who survives.

Beginning a pipe organ apprenticeship in 1943, for four years, he was self-employed tuning and building pipe organs across the country. In 1976, he began making handblown glass items and continued until 2004.

He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol during World War II and was a licensed pilot since 1943. Memberships include Experimental Aircraft Association and American Association of Airport Executives.

Surviving besides his wife are two sons, Dr. Steven Max Miller, Pa., and Jeffrey P. Miller, Redkey; a sister, Betty Clark, Kentucky; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services are Thursday at 11 a.m. at MJS Mortuaries-Redkey Chapel. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery. Visitation is Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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