

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISPOSITION OF: Charles Alphion Miller, III

COURT ORDER NO. 2026 - 59

NOW on this 1st day of June 2026, is presented to this Court, a petition of Coroner as it relates to the appropriate disposition of the remains of descendant in Baxter County, Arkansas:

1. That, the descendant passed away on the 26th of April 2026. The Office of the Coroner utilized all best efforts to attempt to have the family take possession of the deceased remains to allow for the disposition of the remains of the deceased born on the 25th of December 1944. That, despite all efforts being used by the Office of the Coroner, no family member would take possession of said remains.
2. That, pursuant to the Law of this State, the Baxter County Coroner is authorized to cremate the remains in its possession, identified as Charles Alphion Miller, III.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Clerk of the Court shall docket this copy and cause a copy of this order and the supporting documentation to remain on file for public inspection.



Kevin Litty
County Judge



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Case Report

Charles Miller (26-04-26-2030)

Baxter County Coroner
870-782-0569

Case Brief						Jurisdiction Baxter	
Last name Miller III	First Charles	Middle Alphion	Date of Death 04/26/2026	Time of Death 19:00	Pronounced By Sara Fischer		
Decedent's Address (Number and Street) 131 County Road 23							
City Clarkridge			State AR			Zip 72623	
Date of Birth 12/25/1944	Age 81 years	Gender Male	Race White	Height 72 inches	Weight 200 pounds	Hair Color	Eye Color
Facility or Address of Death 131 County Road 23						Place of Death Decedent's Residence	
City Clarkridge			State AR			Zip 72623	
Next of Kin			Phone			Relationship	
Next of Kin Address							
City			State			Zip	
Funeral Home						Phone	

CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH			
Immediate Cause Cardiopulmonary arrest		Time Interval	
As a Consequence Of Hypertension		Time Interval	
As a Consequence Of Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease		Time Interval	
As a Consequence Of		Time Interval	
Other Significant Conditions			
Manner Natural	Autopsy None	Date Examined	Time Examined
Name, Title and Address of Person Who Completed Cause of Death Sara Fischer 904 Hwy 62 West Mountain Home, AR 72653			

Investigating Agency Baxter County Sheriff's Office	Incident Number	Officer Crisy Cook, Brandon Cook
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Date of Injury	Time of Injury	Injury at Work?
Address of Injury		Place of Injury
City	State	Zip
How Injury Occurred		

Investigator Narrative

Notified by Baxter County Sheriff's Dispatch of residential death at the address recorded. This investigator responded directly to scene. On my arrival I met with Deputy Chrisy Cook who identified the decedent as Charles Miller, 81yo w/m. According to neighbors Charles had been seen approximately 1 week prior. He had a history of smoking, significant extensive medical history. He was obese and lived alone in the second floor of his apartment complex. The neighbor stated that Mr. Miller's wife had died several years prior and that he had children but had been estranged from them for as long as he had lived in the apartment (approximately 10 years). He never had visitors and didn't go out much. The apartment manager had no family/next of kin listed for him and his emergency contact was the friend/neighbor. A welfare check had been called to his residence after other neighbors in the complex complained of a horrible smell coming from the apartment.

As we entered the home, it was very cluttered, there were multiple items of value throughout the home. The decedent was found lying slightly on his side and face down on the kitchen/dining floor. He was fully clothed and did not have any signs of recent injury or trauma visible. He was in a moderate state of decomposition with discoloration and bloating/blistering throughout the body. Multiple areas on the body had started to have skin slippage and body fluids had seeped through his clothes leaving the floor saturated. Rigor was well passed leaving the body easily manipulated. We transferred the body into a body bag and placed him in the truck for transport to the morgue until a family/next of kin could be found. Once we were at the morgue the bag was secured with an ID band.

Initially we were able to locate a potential child's contact information, however after multiple attempts, no return calls were made in response to our voicemails. Using multiple online search software and historical record searches, we were able to view possible family members and contacts, however, searching them individually, all parties were deceased. As of today (05/29/2026) we have been unable to make contact with or notify a next of kin for this gentleman.

A request will be made to have the county authorize final disposition decision to this office.