

## Local sports briefs



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Representing the William Miller family at the rededication of Miller Fields are siblings Marilyn Miller Davison (left) and William F. (Bill) Miller Jr.

## Miller Field rededicated with memorial plaque

### From staff reports

The family of William Franklin Miller had a very busy day on Sept. 10. That evening Bill Miller was honored posthumously with his induction into the Wooster High School Athletic Hall of Fame, but earlier in the day the family had gathered at Miller Field, home of Wooster Youth Baseball, to dedicate a bronze memorial plaque in his memory.

Miller Ball Park, originally dedicated in 1958 as William Miller Little League Park, sits on land donated by Arthur Miller in memory of his son, Bill. His life tragically ended at 35 years of age in an industrial accident while trying to save a co-worker.

Because of his son's love of sports and success in athletics throughout college and high school, Art chose to donate the land and construct a ball field facility to benefit all youngsters in this area and name it for his son.

Forty-seven years later, many Wooster area youths have played on the now expanded facility at Miller Ball Park and Wooster Youth Baseball with its tireless volunteers continues to thrive.

Twenty-five people, including family members and Wooster Youth Baseball representatives gathered at the flagpole to dedicate a bronze plaque honoring Bill Miller. The plaque contains details of his life and untimely death, along with a picture.

The plaque will be mounted to a boulder near the flagpole.

The family hopes that Bill Miller's memorial plaque will serve to remind this generation of ball players of the high standards of true sportsmanship and the importance of carrying those forward into their lives.