



Don John Miller

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Don J. Miller was a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) field geologist, mapper, and authority on the geology and petroleum potential of the north-central Gulf of Alaska Tertiary Province. He published more than 30 reports and maps on the geology of this complex and exceedingly remote region. His contributions to the geologic understanding of Southcentral Alaska were all encompassing, as evidenced by his meticulous research and publication of USGS Professional Paper 354C which documents and describes the effect of landslide-generated tsunamis in Lituya Bay. Don's impactful career was cut short when he died in a rafting accident during field investigations along the Kiagna River, Alaska.

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