



The Reverend Laurence H. Miller

December 29, 1936 - April 16, 2019

The Reverend Laurence H. Miller, age 82, of Millsboro, DE passed away peacefully at home with his daughter by his side on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. He was born on December 29, 1936 in Minneapolis, MN, son of the late Henry and Josephine Miller.

Rev. Miller, affectionately known as Laurie or recently as Larry, was described by all whom he encountered as a kind, warm, loving, sweet, gentle, funny, caring, intelligent, giving man who found beauty and pleasure in the small things in life.

He was a 1954 Graduate of Claymont High School in Claymont, DE; a 1958 Graduate of Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. and then received his Master's in German from Indiana University. He went on to attend Virginia Theological Seminary from which he graduated in 1962. Rev. Miller made his lifelong career as an Episcopal Minister. First at St. John the Baptist in Milton, DE then Church of the Good Shepard in Nashua, NH, followed by St. David's Episcopal Church in Salem, NH, where he served the majority of his career, followed by St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Blue Bell, PA. The last church he served was in his retirement as a part time Minister at St. Mary's in Bridgeville, DE.

Rev. Miller volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and the Millsboro Public Library. He enjoyed singing in the Barber Shop Quartet and was active at the Long Neck Cheer Center. In his spare time, Rev. Miller was an avid reader and enjoyed nature, walks, dancing, playing guitar, bird watching, sailing, hiking, and mountain climbing. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and dear friend and pastor to many, who will be deeply missed.

In addition to his parents, Rev. Miller was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Ann Walls Miller in 2014.

He is survived by one son, Mark Miller and his wife Jo-Ann of Menifee, CA; one daughter, Julie Ann Wilson and her husband Gary Lee of Rehoboth Beach, DE; six grandchildren: Chrysta Ann MacBlain and her husband John, Michael Miller and his wife Theresa, Tasha

Feilzer and her husband Baron, Brittany Ann Wilson, Brendan Lee Wilson, and Leah Ann Bell and her husband Josh; five great grandchildren: Gavin and Kylie MacBlain, Penelope Feilzer, and Michael and Madeline Miller; and one sister, Nancy York and her husband Bob of Joppatowne, MD.

Friends may call on Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Long Neck United Methodist Church, 32051 Long Neck Road, Millsboro, DE 19966. Interment will be private at Gracelawn Memorial Park, New Castle, DE.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Rev. Miller's name to Sussex County Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 759 Georgetown, DE 19947 or to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Please sign Rev. Miller's online guest book located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 2PM, THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE.

Events

MAY **Viewing** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel
16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, US, 19958

MAY **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Long Neck United Methodist Church
32051 Long Neck Road, Millsboro, DE, US, 19966

Comments



“ From Nashua NH to Salem NH and years of sleepovers I will always remember the times "our families" were together. Both your mom and dad were special people. I have been off social media and just came back on and learned the news. I am so sorry Julie! Please pass on my prayers to u and your family and to Mark as well.

Dawna Robson - May 11, 2019 at 01:15 AM



“ Dear Mark, Julie Ann, and Family,
On behalf of your wonderful Dad's sisters and brothers in Christ at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist in Milton, we send heartfelt condolences and fervent prayers. Last year we were deeply honored as a parish when your Dad worshiped with us as we honored his faithful ministry to the family of faith at St. John the Baptist during his time as Rector. He holds a revered place in our history, also, because of his commitment to racial equality and justice in answering Dr. King's call by marching in the second Selma March. When he visited, I resonated with him immediately! Truly, as you say, he had countless exemplary qualities, including his gentleness, warmth, kindness, humor, and his embodiment of his Savior's love. You can be so proud!
I deeply regret that a conference this evening and the Ordination to the Diaconate of my cousin on Sat in DC prevents me from being present for the visitation and Service.
We have been remembering your Dad in the Prayers at Mass these last Sundays, and each day in my personal prayers. Truly, as your Dad breathed his last, he heard the voice of the Risen Christ: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master!" Thanks be to God for the life and ministry of Father Laurence Miller! Praying the abiding presence of the Good Shepherd will embrace you with comfort, peace, and Easter's living hope!
In Christ's Love,
Fr. Tom White, Rector
The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
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Father Thomas White - May 02, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ Thank you for such powerful, touching words!

Julie - May 03, 2019 at 06:13 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of The Reverend Laurence H. Miller.



April 30, 2019 at 07:37 PM



“ We will all miss you so much, Larry, at the Cheer Center. Your sense of humor and goodness especially. Rest in peace, my friend.

Barbara Williams

Barbara Williams - April 22, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ Thank you.

Julie - May 03, 2019 at 06:14 AM



“ Remembering the family in prayer and trusting you will know the special love and comfort that only God can give. As a schoolmate at Claymont and fellow Sunday School member at Ascension Church I will remember Laurie with only fond memories. After his retirement, we met again as volunteers at the Millsboro Library. He was a wonderful caring man and will be greatly missed.
Barbara Willis Hall

Barbara Willis Hall - April 22, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ Thank you for sharing. it was nice to meet you last night.

Julie - May 03, 2019 at 06:15 AM



“ Remembering Larry as our spiritual center at Sussex County Habitat for Humanity for many years. Whether through prayer, reflections or just his peaceful presence, he was a true servant leader. We will miss him.
Kevin Gilmore

Kevin Gilmore - April 22, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ On February 12, 1972, Laurie officiated at our wedding. On February 18, 1973 and again on May 25, 1975 he baptized our daughters. We had moved from the Salem area to NJ but would visit my parents and always visit St. Davids'. He was a kind, thoughtful and caring man who helped two very young, very naive people find their way into and through married life. We celebrated 47 years in February. His kindness will serve as a reminder of a great man to us always. We are sorry for your loss, but please know that he has touched many lives through the years. Offering our heartfelt condolences. Bill & Dale (Fitzpatrick) Grygutis, Newton, NH

Dale J Grygutis - April 21, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ Julie and Mark, we were sorry to hear of your father's passing and learning that your mom passed away a few years ago. As is so common with separations and long distances, we lost touch years ago.

Steve and I have many fond memories of both your parents and of you, Julie, since you took such good care of Jen and Megan when they were little.

All good thoughts and prayers to you and your families,

Carla & Steve Billingham, Salem, NH

Carla Billingham - April 21, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ Larry was a wonderful man and a wonderful neighbor. He was very kind, generous and compassionate. He would do anything for you. I feel very blessed to have been a part of his life in his last days and am thankful for the gift that his family gave me by allowing me to care for him in his final days. God bless you all.

Jackie Day - April 20, 2019 at 09:28 AM