



Philip W. Miller

July 27, 1935 - August 13, 2016

Philip W. Miller, 81, passed away Saturday, August 13, 2016 in a local care facility.

Born in Jennings to the late Philip W. and Eva (Roberts) Miller on July 27, 1935, Philip was a graduate of Iowa High School while living at Boys Village. He went on to attend ULL (formerly known as Southwestern Louisiana Institute) and graduated with a BS in accounting.

He served in the U.S. Army and later his reserve unit was called to active duty during the Berlin Crisis.

In 1959, he began his career in public service, spanning four decades as an accountant and executive director for the Lake Charles Housing Authority. He was an active member of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials since 1961 and received many prestigious awards for his outstanding service. The Philip Miller Award of Excellence is named in his honor. After 22 years of service, he founded Miller & Associates, and later Miller & Associates Computer Services. Mr. Miller was an astute businessman and earned recognition from his peers.

He made an impact in Calcasieu Parish and Southwest Louisiana and served the town of Iowa as mayor and performed his civic duty with great pride. Mr. Miller was a generous man; wore the mantle of community service with compassion willingly while extending courtesy to all.

He was a man of unfaltering faith and a member of First United Methodist Church, where he was chairman of the board, long-time finance chairman and choir member.

Survivors include his loving wife of 60 years, Marlene Spell Miller; children, Gregg Miller and wife, Judy, Chris Miller and wife, Gena and Darren Miller and wife, Tammy; brother, Leon Leger and wife, Anna; 6 grandchildren, Joshua Miller and wife, Jess, Shelby Miller, Jake Miller, Justin Miller, Alexa and husband, Gage Ritter, Bailee Miller and 1 great-

grandchild, Emery Miller.

He is preceded in death by his parents; step-mother, Patricia Noonan Miller; sisters, Bertha Benoit and husband, Brennen, Dorothy Evans and husband, Houston.

Visitation begins Tuesday, August 16, 2016 in Johnson & Brown Funeral Home from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. and resumes in First United Methodist Church of Iowa on Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Funeral services are Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 11 a.m. with Dr. David DeWitt officiating. Burial will follow in Pinehill Cemetery under the direction of Johnson & Brown Funeral Home.

The family would like to give special thanks to a wonderful caregiver and friend, Jennifer Ardoin.

Memorials may be made to the Barbara Gray Scholarship or the FUMC memorial fund, c/o First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 668, Iowa, LA 70647.

Cemetery Details

Pinehill Cemetery

Pinehill Cemetery Rd.
Iowa, LA 70647

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson & Brown Funeral Home
505 Hwy 90 East
PO Box 1387
Iowa, LA 70647
office@johnsonandbrownfuneralhome.com
<https://www.johnsonandbrownfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

AUG **17**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
310 S. Kinney Ave.
Iowa, LA LA

Funeral Service

AUG **17**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EP

“ *Marlene and Family. I am so sorry to hear just today of Phillips passing. He was a good friend and I will miss him. I remember a lot of good times and days and double dates with you and Philip at SLI. He even took me back home with him to Boy's Village several times and introduced me to everyone. He was a good man and will be missed by all of us and the community of Iowa/Lake Charles. Our thoughts and Prayers are for all of you in this difficult time.*
Parker and Janice Parra

E. Parker Parra - September 07, 2016 at 01:09 PM

SD

“ *Dear Greg and family,
Your Dad was instrumental in my "housing life" with just one day's visit to our little authority. He gave me PLAIN advice that has stuck with me all these years.
I'm sure he will be sorely missed by all he touched. May the Peace of God give you comfort in your loss. Stan Dulaney, Gladewater HA*

Stan Dulaney - August 23, 2016 at 08:00 AM

GM

Thank you for your words of comfort Stan. He will be missed.

Gregg Miller - August 26, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ *Marlene and family,
Words cannot heal the pain of losing someone so near.
May God give you the strength to heal and overcome the pain.
Our prayers are with you.
Love,
Chris Simpson*

Chris Simpson - August 18, 2016 at 03:33 PM

JC

“ *Marlene and family,*

In the years I have been in the housing business Phil was not only a good man but a wealth of knowledge he shared with so many. We always enjoyed the time we shared together at regional or national meetings. He was a mentor to me and our other board members when he served as chairman of our retirement plan I have thought about him often and the illness that touches so many good people every day. While the disease may destroy the mind and body over time it can't erase the memories and good times we all shared with him. Our thoughts and prayers go with you in the days ahead. We were all blessed to have known him.

Jim & Virginia Coleman - August 17, 2016 at 09:38 AM

JM

“ *As I travel to your funeral I am thinking of the things I have learned from you and you didn't even have to use words. Your actions truly spoke louder than any words ever could. You have shown us the secrets of success and hard work. And the love you have shown to your family is beyond words. I will miss driving up in your driveway after a long trip and your greeting me outside with a kiss. You will truly be missed. But we will see you again. With Love always, Judy*



Judy Miller - August 16, 2016 at 07:37 PM

LS

“ *I am sorry to hear of Phillip's passing. I went to school with him in Iowa for a while and considered him a good friend. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Lamar "Buck" Seiley - August 16, 2016 at 05:54 PM

DD

“ *Dear Miller family - We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. I remember the day we enjoyed with your Dad and Mom at Chris and Gena's lake house. I know you will miss him so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. I called to order flowers and the flower shop said they were sold out and there were so many that the funeral home would have to put the flowers outside the room. What a nice tribute.
Dick Miller, Bill, Drewe and Lance Dewbre*

Drewe Dewbre - August 16, 2016 at 03:46 PM

YF

“ *Your Southwest NAHRO Family purchased the Cherished Memories for the family of Philip W. Miller.*



Your Southwest NAHRO Family - August 16, 2016 at 01:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Philip W. Miller.*



August 16, 2016 at 09:52 AM

BS

“ *Phillip was one of the most impacting men that I had the pleasure of meeting in my life. He was a man that came to me in a great time of need when I thought the world was coming to an end . I admired this man and I know heaven had a special place for him. My condolences to his wife and children. God definitely has greeted an angel*

bethanie scully - August 16, 2016 at 08:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Philip W. Miller.*



August 15, 2016 at 08:41 PM

JM

“ *Janice Guillory Morgan lit a candle in memory of Philip W. Miller*



Janice Guillory Morgan - August 15, 2016 at 07:27 PM

MS

“ *Mark Madderra and Larry Schedler purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Philip W. Miller.*



Mark Madderra and Larry Schedler - August 15, 2016 at 03:08 PM

DF

“ *Danna Prichard & Family lit a candle in memory of Philip W. Miller*



Danna Prichard & Family - August 15, 2016 at 02:49 PM

AM

“ *So blessed to have known Mr Miller who was a client at the bank .. He was a kind & smart business man. May his family be comforted by their memories. He was a special individual. Anne Miller*

Anne Miller - August 15, 2016 at 01:54 PM

SC

“ *Santacoloma Family and Colleagues purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Philip W. Miller.*



Santacoloma Family and Colleagues - August 15, 2016 at 12:56 PM

KB

“ *The Elk City Housing Authority staff and Board of Commissioners would like to express our condolences at the passing of Mr. Miller. I met Mr. Miller in my early days with the Housing Authority and have always admired him. He will be sorely missed by many. Prayers of peace and comfort for all who loved him.*

Kathy B Bell - August 15, 2016 at 11:36 AM

MW

“ *Marlene and boys, you know how saddened we were to hear of Phil's death. Such a driving force he was. So many memories come to mind. Our trips to New York and Alaska and so many others. We did pass good times for sure. I'll always remember his love of dancing. He was the best! Love you and am praying for comfort for you and all the family.*
Love you, Marianne Wilcox

Marianne Wilcox - August 15, 2016 at 11:03 AM

DP

“ *Our deepest condolences go out to all the family. May faith and loving memories help bring comfort and healing to your hearts at this difficult time. It was a pleasure knowing him, as our dear friend, over the years.*



Denny & Patty(Breaux)Primeaux - August 15, 2016 at 09:25 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Miller family. Philip was such a valuable member of our community and touched so many lives. He will be missed .*

Debbie Muir - August 15, 2016 at 06:05 AM

LC

We extend our sympathies to the Miller family. Our prayer is that God would give His peace and comfort to you during this time. Lyn and Jere Cypert

Lyn Cypert - August 15, 2016 at 08:44 AM

BS

My deepest thoughts and prayers to the Miller family on the passing of Philip. It was a pleasure and joy knowing him.

Burt Sammis, Mineola, TX

Burt Sammis - August 15, 2016 at 10:50 AM