



Park Randall 'Randy' Miller

April 9, 1947 - November 27, 2020

On the afternoon of Friday, November 27, 2020, Park Randall "Randy" Miller of Tallahassee was called to Heaven after a sudden battle with COVID19. Randy was born in Tallahassee on April 9, 1947, the son of Park Earl Miller and Marie Strickland Miller.

A 1969 graduate of Florida State University with a BS in Accounting, he proudly served his country as an officer in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971. Randy married Wendy Lawson Burnett at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee on December 16, 1972. Randy and Wendy welcomed their only child, daughter, Holly Randall, into their lives on November 1, 1982. Randy was a fixture in the governmental and legislative affairs arena in the Capitol city for decades. Lovingly nicknamed in certain circles as the 'Guru of Lobbyists,' his dedication earned him a distinguished resume. He retired as the President and CEO of the Florida Retail Federation and sister organization Georgia Retail Association in 2017. Prior posts included Executive Vice President and COO of Associated Industries of Florida and Executive Director of the Florida Department of Revenue. In his many roles and through all his affiliations, he was a trusted and respected advocate and friend among clients and peers alike.

Randy retired to his home in Tallahassee and beach cottage at Alligator Point, Florida. He was a fraternal member of the J. Edwin Larson Freemason Lodge and life member of the AMVETS, zealously chairing the planning committee for the Tallahassee National Cemetery Patriot/ Carillon Bell Tower construction

project. He was a car enthusiast, particularly Corvettes having owned 13, and as a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, an avid trap shooter spending most Saturday and Sunday mornings at the Tallahassee Rifle & Pistol Club, where he was the board Treasurer. He enjoyed fishing at St. Marks and Alligator Point, and spending time with his three dogs, Gatsby, Little Miss Daisy, and Scarlett.

Randy is remembered by his wife, Wendy; his daughter, Holly (Miller) Moore and son-in-law Justin Moore; his sister, Connie (Miller) Hudson and husband David, son Joshua, and daughter Lauren. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and brother, Bruce Miller and wife Darlene, and son Bodie. Randy lived his life as a Good Samaritan embodying integrity, honor, and grace. Wendy and Holly's loss is profound; Wendy has lost the love of her life and best friend, while Holly has lost her true hero, who she called Dad.

A service will be held at noon on Friday, December 4, 2020, at Bevis Funeral Home located at 200 John Knox Road in Tallahassee. The service will be live-streamed and can be accessed on the Bevis Funeral Home website at <https://www.bevisfh.com/m/obituaries/Park-Miller/MemorialEvents>. Following the service, Randy will be laid to rest with military funeral honors and committal service at 2:00pm at the Tallahassee National Cemetery.

Randy was sincere in his belief that freedom is not free. In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting our veterans through a donation to the AMVETS Tallahassee Post 1776, Inc. directed to the Tallahassee National Cemetery Patriot Tower/ Carillon Project and designated in Randy's honor at: www.amvets1776.org/projects.html or by mail to P.O. Box 16225, Tallahassee, FL, 32317.

Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, wwwbevisfh.com) is assisting the Miller family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller*



Bevis Funeral Home - December 04, 2020 at 08:29 AM

BL

*Dear Wendy and Holly,
Love you both.
Barbara Leadbeater*

Barbara Leadbeater - December 04, 2020 at 12:12 PM

SM

*Wendy and Holly,
You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
I will miss Randy's deep, hearty laugh and intellectual humor.*

*Love you,
Sarah MacMillan*

Sarah A MacMillan - December 04, 2020 at 12:46 PM

CS

Randy, I didn't know you as well as I should. All the words I'm listening to are those who loved and respected you. A fellow traveler of one who did their best to make the community as best as you could. Thank you Randy; we'll miss you!

Claude Shipley

Claude Shipley - December 04, 2020 at 12:46 PM

DH

Wendy and Holly, I had the honor of knowing Randy for years. He was a special person who always treated everyone with respect. When I first met him it immediately seemed that I had known him for years. He was truly that special. I cannot imagine the pain of losing him. I wish I could be in Tallahassee to honor him in person but he will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Harvey - December 04, 2020 at 02:01 PM

JM

My Dad used to sing a song titled "The unseen Hand" in church quite often, I don't believe it will ever go out of style. I see it's meaning more and more clearly each time one of our relatives are called home to be with the Lord. I remember at each family reunion we would all agree that we should have one every year, sometimes it was at Dad's (the old home place) or at uncle George's house. Those got fewer and farther between until now we seem to have them only at times like this. Watching today brings back so many memories of all the good times this family had together and we have a big family. One day, we will have the biggest and best family reunion ever as all of us will be together in one place.

Wendy and Holly may you find comfort in knowing that the unseen Hand will lead you and guide you through. Trust in that Hand and He will not fail you.

May the Lord keep you and bless you in everything you do.

*Lovingly,
Jeff Miller*

Jeff Miller - December 04, 2020 at 02:23 PM

LL

Windy and Holly what a beautiful service honoring Randy's life. I, like Jeff remember all the family reunions held at Uncle George's or at Uncle Pinky's. I cherish those memories and miss the family getting together. We love you and pray for peace and comfort for you and family.

Bubba and Linda Lingo

Linda Lingo - December 05, 2020 at 03:59 AM

CL

“ I worked with Randy at FRF and the one thing I always admired was he was a straight shooter with his words (and also a gun). He spoke the truth and for that he was greatly respected. He was passionate about his wife, his daughter and his work! Randy, we are all blessed to have known you and you will be missed deeply. May you rest in peace with our God almighty. To Wendy and Holly, may God wrap his arms around you to bring you comfort during this difficult time.

Crystal Laake - December 04, 2020 at 01:48 PM

JC

“ Jorge Chamizo lit a candle in memory of Park Randall 'Randy" Miller



Jorge Chamizo - December 04, 2020 at 11:57 AM

PT

“ Dear Wendy and Holly:

My heart-felt sympathy on Randy's sudden passing, the loss of your life companion, husband, and father. Remembering good neighbors on Heath Drive, so many years ago.

Patsy Telesco (Gainesville, FL)

Patsy Telesco - December 03, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller.*



December 03, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ *Sherry, Rick and Tara Whitney purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller.*



Sherry, Rick and Tara Whitney - December 03, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ *I worked for Randy for a number of years at the Florida Retail Federation. I respected him as a man of integrity and a friend. He treated others fairly and sought to do what was best in any situation. He was one of the good ones. I pray for his wife Wendy and daughter Holley. He loved them both deeply and my heart goes out to them. He did leave the world a better place. Randy, you will be missed.*

Sherry Whitney

Sherry Whitney - December 03, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller.*



December 03, 2020 at 08:42 AM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller.*



December 02, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ *I first met Randy in 1975. He was the CO of a USAR unit in Tallahassee, and his day job was with the Comptroller's Office (Gerald Lewis), and we both worked for Cabinet members. Captain Miller gave Spec.4 Mirabella a home in his Army Reserve Unit, when I needed to transfer from my St. Petersburg Unit. We would work together for years after that, when he was Director of The Florida Department Of Revenue, and I was the Chief Cabinet Aide to Ralph Turlington, Commissioner Of Education. After the 1986 general elections, we both ended up as lobbyists for different law firms, even though neither of us were attorneys. In the 90's Randy assumed the Executive VP position at Associated Industries Of Florida, and I was privileged to work with him for a few more years as a contract lobbyist. We formed a friendship through our professions, that endured for our lifetimes. Those kind of friends, are a rarity and hard to come-by. Goodbye my friend, RIP. I will miss you.....*

Frank Mirabella - December 02, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller.*



December 02, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller.*



December 02, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ *Randy was my Grandfathers brother (Bruce Miller) whom I only really knew as a kid as "Uncle Randy from Tallahassee who always sent me a christmas gift (lol)." As I grew older we met more in person on occassion and talked via text and he truly was an amazing, charming, and smart man that would make me laugh or smile every time we talked. We shared interest in cars and would talk about Corvettes and Mustangs for hours. He would always send me a text or call when a hurricane was about to hit to make sure everything was alright. He was one of the first to reach out to me after my Father (Bodie Miller), Grandmother (Darlene Miller) and Grandfather (Bruce Miller) passed away. He will be truly missed and I can only hope for the best for the rest of the family in these hard times.*

Stephen Miller - December 02, 2020 at 03:29 PM

BF

“ I met Randy when he became my boss as Executive Director of the Department of Revenue. He was the best! He was never a "politician". He was a business man and ran the Department that way. He was a pleasure to work for and a real gentleman. He will be missed!

Bill Fritchman

Bill Fritchman - December 02, 2020 at 12:50 PM

GR

“ Randy was very special and helpful when I was going through my loss. I cannot fully express the sorrow I feel for you at this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Gail

Gail Relyea - December 02, 2020 at 12:49 PM

SY

“ Susan and Glen Yates purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller.



Susan and Glen Yates - December 02, 2020 at 12:40 PM

YF

“ Your Florida Retail Federation family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller.



Your Florida Retail Federation family - December 02, 2020 at 11:14 AM

JL

“ I was shocked to hear of Randy's passing. I first met Randy as he served as Executive Director of Department of Revenue and I was working in the General Counsel's office. He was an excellent leader and accomplished much at Revenue. I would occasionally see him as he came over to Revenue after he retired to conduct business as a rep from the law offices. He was always very friendly.



The activity I remembered the most was when Randy and Wendy met my husband and bought a car from him. They seemed to have developed a friendship with my husband, Wayne, through their visits to the dealership. Wayne and I were very sorry to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Wendy and the family.

Judy and Wayne Langston

Judy Langston - December 02, 2020 at 11:00 AM

OJ

“ Our love and prayers, Lloyd & Jackie purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller.



Our love and prayers, Lloyd & Jackie - December 01, 2020 at 08:28 PM

FA

“ Florida Sheriffs Association purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller.



Florida Sheriffs Association - December 01, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller.



December 01, 2020 at 03:42 PM

DW

“ We met Mr. Miller at Holly and Justin's wedding in New Orleans. It was very easy to see that he was a loving husband and a devoted father. We are so sorry for your loss. May God Bless you and comfort you during these difficult times.



Dave and Regina White

David White - December 01, 2020 at 02:08 PM

CS

“ I met Randy through his support of the Homeless Veterans Stand Downs. His efforts helped make them a great success. His fundraising for the VA Tallahassee Veterans Cemetery's Bell Tower has been instrumental to its procurement. I'll always remember Randy as a person ready to help our Veterans. RIP Randy.

Claude Shipley - December 01, 2020 at 11:51 AM

BS

“ Brian, Joy & Gabby Spillers purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller.



Brian, Joy & Gabby Spillers - December 01, 2020 at 10:58 AM

KC

“ My late wife, Elaine Mann Carpenter, greatly admired Randy. My sincere condolences to Wendy and Holly. -- Kevin Carpenter and son, Lyle

Kevin Carpenter - December 01, 2020 at 10:43 AM

DM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. I had the pleasure of working with him several times on legislative issues and Randy made the tasks a pure joy. His knowledge, wit, and incisive business acumen made him one of the very best of advocates in Florida. And we loved to swap "old Tallahassee " stories! He will be greatly missed. Doug Mannheimer

doug mannheimer - December 01, 2020 at 08:18 AM

RM

“ I knew Randy through our shared enjoyment of trap shooting at TRPC. He was always upbeat and fun to be with as we needed each other for sharing the same nickname. He welcomed me as a newcomer from Michigan to TRPC and I too enjoyed his shared donuts. I am stunned to hear of the loss of such a kind and thoughtful man. He will truly be missed by all. My condolences to the Miller family. Randy Martin

Randy Martin - December 01, 2020 at 07:27 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller.



November 30, 2020 at 11:50 PM

ER

“ I met Randy at the TRPC trap range and always enjoyed his company and conversations. I also served with him in AMVETS. Randy was a true gentleman and a man of character. He shared his knowledge and served well on the boards at TRPC and AMVETS. I will miss him.

Edward Rawls - November 30, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Park Randall 'Randy' Miller.



November 30, 2020 at 08:47 PM

MR

“ Marie Robinson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Park Randall 'Randy" Miller.



Marie Robinson - November 30, 2020 at 06:57 PM

GB

“ Randy hired me back to work at Revenue in 1980 and I'll never forget his professionalism and keen wit. At the time, he allowed me to stabilize my professional career and always kept his word when backing his fellow state workers. He was an outstanding leader and a true boss that earned everyone's respect and admiration. Randy was a good man and will be deeply missed by those who were close to him. Our deepest sympathies and prayers to Wendy and Holly. Glenn Bedonie

Glenn Bedonie - November 30, 2020 at 05:26 PM

BG

“ Now this was a man; independent but willing to listen; strong but tender hearted; folksy but intellectual. On so many levels, he was my friend through the years...but more importantly, he was a treasure for Florida. I grieve with you all.

Bill Grant
Former Member, Florida Senate
Former Member, U.S. Congress (FL-2)

Bill Grant - November 30, 2020 at 04:56 PM

AF

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Randy through the Florida Retail Federation. He was always kind and welcoming. He has tremendous expertise and was happy to help others. May his family find peace in their hearts. The world has lost a generous soul.

Anne Francis - November 30, 2020 at 02:31 PM

JM

“ He will be missed. A great Dad and Husband who cared about other people more than himself. I will miss our fishing and shooting trips and grateful to have known him.

Justin Moore - November 30, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Park Randall "Randy" Miller.



November 30, 2020 at 10:13 AM

EM

“ Your insight, your humor, and your friendship will be missed Randy. I was blessed to know you.

Ed Moore - November 30, 2020 at 01:58 AM

KR

He will be so missed. Randy was a true leader and person of integrity. It rubbed off on anybody around him and made them a better person. I prayed selfishly and hard the past few weeks because of what He meant to myself and others. Prayers now for Mrs Wendy, Holly and Family.

Kyle Rowell - November 30, 2020 at 08:17 AM

LS

Randy was a good boss at DOR. Peggy and I are saddened to learn of his passing and send our prayers and condolences to his family. Randy touched many lives over the years and left the world a better place than he found it.

Larry Surles - November 30, 2020 at 02:01 PM

RS

Randy was my first cousin on my mom and his dads side of the Miller family. I never saw Randy when he didn't have a big smile going on. Randy was a person to be admired. Randy accomplished so much in his short allotted time here on earth. He got my daughter a job with the State of Florida back in 1983 and to this day she is still with the same agency. I would mention that to Randy quite often and he seemed to delight that feat.

Thanks, Love You Cuz .

Ronnie Spears

Ronnie Spears - November 30, 2020 at 10:08 PM

CC

Randy and I where shooting partners at the trap range most of the time, we usually did pretty good. He would always think of me on his way to the range, on the weekends, and buy some chocolate doughnuts for me. I will miss you my friend.....

craig carson - December 01, 2020 at 06:24 AM

DB

I met Randy over a year ago at the TRPC club Trap group. He was very friendly and welcoming. After spending ten minutes with him he made me feel like I had known him for twenty years. May he rest in peace.

Dave Balla - December 01, 2020 at 01:01 PM

JH

Mr. Miller and his wife would visit with me at the jewelry counter at jcpenny every year. I always treasured our time together.

James Heil - December 01, 2020 at 03:40 PM

CV

randy hired me in 2000, along with jon shebel, at AIF. he really took me under his wing and taught me so much about lobbying. he was a good guy, which is very rare these days. karen and I will miss him and we mourn along with his entire family. chris verlander

chris verlander - December 02, 2020 at 12:23 AM

BC

I knew Randy from his Revenue days before we worked together at the Pennington law firm. He was a gentleman, a scholar, and a kind-hearted man. His business acumen was spot on and he was a great contributor to the successful governance of the firm. As a legislative consultant and lobbyist, he was honest, truthful, and reliable in his dealings with elected officials. He will be greatly missed!

Bob Cohen - December 02, 2020 at 08:54 AM

DL

Randy was a friend to everyone he met - a gifted man who shared his talents with those around him. Devoted to both his country and his state, Randy left a legacy that will be remembered for years to come. May God greet him with open arms.

Dave Lang

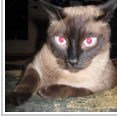
Dave lang - December 02, 2020 at 10:31 AM

MK

Randy was a dedicated public servant for Florida, and gave sage advice to young people coming up in the capital.

Maury Kolchakian

maury kolchakian - December 02, 2020 at 11:36 AM



Randy Miller was a kind and decent man. You could always depend on him to tell the truth and answer questions. Reporters long relied on his knowledge and experience to help us cover state government. He will be greatly missed.

Lucy Morgan, former bureau chief for St Petersburg Times

Lucy Morgan - December 02, 2020 at 04:16 PM

RS

Randy was my best friend in life. I first met Randy when I was in the seventh grade. Randy was in the eighth grade. Randy 's family lived around the corner from me off Magnolia drive. The Millers always treated me with the greatest kindness. After college graduation, we were dispersed to the winds. I kept up with Randy's career, and I visited Randy and Wendy at their home many times. When Wendy called me to tell me that Randy was gone, we cried together.

Rick Simpson

Richard Simpson - December 02, 2020 at 09:35 PM

DP

*Our deepest condolences for your loss Wendy. Our prayers are for You and Holley and Connie and Dave.
Love you, Don & Jeannie Paugh*

Don Paugh - December 03, 2020 at 04:49 PM

PB

I was shocked when I heard about Randy's passing. I got to know him originally during my work years as a lobbyist for Wade Hopping and his law firm. His reputation as an honorable and trustworthy professional were widely known and respected.

After I retired, I again found Randy shooting trap at TRPC. His humor, candor and fellowship will be sorely missed.

Phil Bunnell

Phil Bunnell - December 04, 2020 at 12:56 PM