



## Robert Joseph Miller

January 31, 1942 - June 9, 2015

Robert J. Miller, 73, a happy resident of Tallahassee, took his last breaths, Tuesday, June 9, 2015, in the loving arms of his family and God.

He was born in Miami, FL to Robert W. Miller, a builder and Winifred K. Miller, homemaker, both of whom have passed.

He accomplished many achievements during his lifetime, but especially as a wonderful husband to surviving wife of 49 1/2 years, Ellen J. Miller; hero father to surviving son, Christopher R. Miller and his wife, Marie M. Miller; and his daughter, Kelly E. Miller; big brother to surviving brothers, Terry Miller and Mike Miller; uncle and cousin to his family and loving daddy to many animals all around.

Robert brought a smile to your face with his humor and funny faces, made you feel secure in his love and respect, and was sensitive and caring towards everyone! He loved music like Yanni and Enya and would conduct it in the living room with Shmushma our cat, lovingly watching. Robert always gave a helping hand to those in need. He donated a custom built, 10-room farmhouse dollhouse, well played with, by his daughter, to Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a charitable organization.

In 1967, Robert began his distinguished career as a police "officer friendly" with the Miami Springs Police Department, rising through the ranks of

Sergeant, then Lieutenant. While serving and protecting the people and fellow officers in the community, he received three commendations, one of which was for saving a woman's life! As an officer his many duties included interviewing, investigating, training work with 4 sergeants and 25 sworn officers, and communication officers. In the Internal Affairs department, he developed procedures and policies, wrote evaluations and in his words, "solved problems." He retired from the police force, after serving for 27 years, in 1995.

After retiring and while still living in Miami, he served as an armed security officer for Miccosukee Indian Gaming, Wackenhut Corp., at MDCC, Metro-rail, and City of Miami Springs Public Works, as an Assistant Director.

Since moving to Tallahassee, he joined his local Home Owners Association, as Vice President, keeping up the beauty and civility of his neighborhood. He continued to serve in the volunteer Civil Air Patrol, as a Lieutenant Colonel, a committed service, which began in 1971 to the present. During his service with the CAP, he received many awards, which included The President's Call to Service Award in 2007, celebrating his dedicated volunteer service for a total of 2 years or 4000 hours. He also received 16 times over, the Meritorious Performance and Exceptional Service Award from the CAP.

Robert was a notary for many years and a Certified Reverend in the Universal Life Church for two years.

Robert was "Mr. Fix It," made a deep impression on everyone he met, and was there to lend a hand and speak a kind word. He was well-traveled, well-read and well-liked. We will surely miss him!

You are cordially invited to attend the funeral mass, at 10am, this Saturday, June 13, 2015, at The Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 4665 Thomasville Rd, Tallahassee, FL, 32309. We would enjoy seeing you there. If you are unable to attend, we will miss you, but would like to hear from you. So, please write to us at [ejm106@aol.com](mailto:ejm106@aol.com). Elizabeth Chambers of Bevis Funeral Home

is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUN 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
4665 Thomasville Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32309

# Tribute Wall

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“ Bob was my first Group Commander when I joined CAP. I loved his wit and his teaching always interjecting a comment to get a smile or a chuckle. He made learning fun. I recall sitting at his kitchen table when Ellen served my friend and I lunch, we had just cut his lawn for him when he had his first heart attack and was recovering. A true gentleman and good friend. A great judge of character, and helped me survive the first years in CAP which for new people can be hard. I spoke to Bob on the phone shortly before he passed and the chuckle and wit were everpresent. Rest in peace my friend, you will be missed.

Bob

Group 10 (now 7) CAP

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**Bob** - February 28, 2016 at 09:59 AM

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“ A true servant of God. A good man, son, husband, father, brother, and family member. A brother in blue of the thin blue line. Lieutenant of Miami Springs Police Department. Retired, and now called back to duty in heaven. Lieutenant Colonel of the Civil Air Patrol. A lover of animals, a good joke, and a good friend to so many. Our thoughts and prayers are of Ellen and the family at this most difficult time. R.I.P. Bob.

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**Phil Fried** - June 19, 2015 at 02:55 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Miller.



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June 12, 2015 at 02:02 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Miller.*



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June 12, 2015 at 12:13 PM



“ *Four years ago Bob and Ellen became our neighbors...and more. Bob immediately "adopted" our three labs, becoming most fond of Commodore our 19 year old matriarch. His love for animals is well known throughout the neighborhood.....as every moving animal was always welcome to some nosh on the back porch....deer, cats, dogs, birds.....He simply loved their daily visits. We enjoyed sharing our Miami history and fond memories of the past. He was quick with a joke, but more importantly, he was there to listen if that is what was needed. He was always ready to lend a tool or his knowledge, and his friendship was greatly appreciated and valued. Bob quickly became a trusted friend and we will dearly miss him. We are so very sorry for Ellen and the entire family, of whom he was so very proud. We witnessed daily how much you loved him, and how much he loved you in return.*

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**Scott & Maryanne Smiley** - June 11, 2015 at 11:22 PM