



Michael Robert Miller

August 11, 1954 - September 4, 2018

Michael Robert Miller, age 64, of Trussville, Alabama passed away unexpectedly at home on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Michael was loved by many and in return loved well. He was married to the love of his life, Janet Sturgis Miller for the past 28 years and was most proud to be father to his two sons, Ethan Michael Miller and Jacob Aubrey Miller.

Michael was born in Topeka, Kansas on August 11, 1954, to Dorothy Mae Powell Miller and George Patrick Miller. He was lovingly raised in Fort Walton Beach, Florida by his mother and step-father, George Earl Parker, all whom preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Virginia Prejean Langley. Along with his wife and sons, Michael is survived by his brother, Retired Colonel John Paul Miller (Gayla) of Edmond, Oklahoma and many nephews and nieces.

As a young boy, Michael became involved in scouting and later earned the distinction of Eagle Scout with the help and support of his mother. This accomplishment would shape his future in many ways.

Michael earned his degree in marketing and management from the University of Montevallo. Upon graduation, he pursued his career with the Boy Scouts of America which spanned over thirty years. His first job was as a district executive in Birmingham. The organization then moved Michael and his family

to many places they called home from Augusta, Georgia to Columbia, South Carolina, and back to Alabama in Huntsville before returning to their forever home in Birmingham/Trussville where he retired in 2014. He continued his association with BSA as a consultant until his recent passing. He truly believed scouting could change and shape lives just as it did his.

As an adult scout and scouting organization leader, Michael earned the highest level of adult scout leader training by completing the Wood Badge. He was also the recipient of Order of the Arrow, a national honor society of the Boy Scouts. With the exclusive distinction of CFRE (Certified Fundraising Executive), Michael organized and hosted BSA fundraisers featuring numerous famous dignitaries such as Shaquille O'Neal, Archie, Peyton and Eli Manning, and Cam Newton. Even after retiring, Michael continued teaching and mentoring others in the art of fundraising which he did so well.

Michael had many passions in life, one of which was music. He passed this love on to his sons, both of whom are talented musicians in their own right. Michael was also very proud of his Irish heritage which will be celebrated by his many lifelong friends (you know who you are) that were his second family. The depth of Michael's love ran deep and his passing will be felt by many. His memory will live on forever, and we will cherish these memories for a lifetime.

Michael was a member of Clearbranch United Methodist Church. On September 8, at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home, a visitation will be held from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. followed by a celebration of Michael's life at 4:00 p.m. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions in his name may be made to the Greater Alabama Council of Boy Scouts of America or Clearbranch United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home
5360 Deerfoot Parkway
Mailing Address PO Box 118
Trussville, AL 35173
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Miller family. Michael led a life that could have inspired those old sayings; a man among men; a force of nature; bigger than life; and his moods could affect global weather. His work with Boy Scouts did more to make our world a better place than anything we who served in the military tried to do. RIP.*

Tom & Karen O'Neill

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