



Mr. Phillip Eugene Miller

May 20, 1948 - October 22, 2019

Miller, Phillip E., PhD, LTC(Ret) Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Phillip E Miller, PhD, United States Army (Retired), Age 71, died at home in Bloomington after a long battle with cancer. Refusing to give up, Phil fought his cancer to a draw, both dying October 22, 2019. With a slight smile on his face, Phil's family and loved ones saw him off on another adventure. LTC Miller is survived by his wonderful wife of over 49 years, Maria Teresa (Jurado) "Tere", two children: Phillip Jr and Dennis Scott, four brothers: Dennis, Farrell II, Clarence II and Walter, and three sisters: Sandy, Cindy, and Lois. Phil was predeceased by his parents: Farrell and Lois, two brothers: Daniel and Jeffrey, and a sister, Susan. LTC Miller is a Vietnam Veteran, where he earned several medals, including the Purple Heart, Distinguished Service Cross, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, 12 Air Medals while flying more than 440 combat missions as a helicopter pilot and many other medals. He grew up in Southern California and Michigan, eventually settling in Minneapolis after retirement from the Army. He was one of eleven children raised by Farrell and Lois Stiehm. Phil lived a fascinating, funny, and heart-breaking life which he recorded in a book: "A Call for Fire, Life and Death in Vietnam and the Medal of Honor Denied", available online by Mascot Books. After retirement from the Army, Phil started his own very successful company, Essential Quality Systems. As a personal friend and student of William E Deming, Phil taught total quality management to nearly a hundred companies worldwide. His attention to detail, humor, and deep caring for others earned him the respect and admiration of all he

encountered. Phil retired from his second career in 2005 and suffered a heart attack in 2009, brought on from injuries suffered when his aircraft was shot down in Vietnam in 1969. Once again, he has suffered a setback due to his service in Vietnam, having contracted cancer caused by exposure to Agent Orange. Phil served 24 years with distinction as a pilot and officer in the Army. After volunteering to fly a rescue mission to save a group of stranded soldiers, Phil's aircraft was shot down and he was badly wounded. He and most of those men survived. For his bravery and dedication, he was nominated for the highest medal in the military, the Congressional Medal of Honor. Due to somewhat less than profound reasoning on the part of a senior officer, Phil was awarded the second highest award, the Distinguished Service Cross, instead. Throughout his long and distinguished military career, Phil received many other awards and medals, including the Bronze Star, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, and many others. Visitation 10 to 11 AM, Wed, Oct 30 with Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM at the Church of St Edward, 9401 Nesbitt Ave S, Bloomington. Interment Ft Snelling National Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy.com Dawn Valley Chapel 952-941-7686

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Edward's Catholic Church
9401 Nesbitt Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55437

Church Service

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

OCT **30**. 12:45 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Phillip Eugene Miller.*



October 29, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ *Sarah Tully purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Phillip Eugene Miller.*



Sarah Tully - October 29, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ *Jim, Vicki, Kasey, Leah purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Mr. Phillip Eugene Miller.*



Jim, Vicki, Kasey, Leah - October 26, 2019 at 12:11 PM

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“ For the past 27 years Phil has been the best friend we ever had. He was there to help people every day of his life and never once did we ever see him in any other mood but upbeat and and happy. He was the best husband and father we ever knew. Everyone that ever came in contact with Phil trusted him, liked him, and always liked being around him. Everyone that ever knew Phil will always remember him and know he had an impact on their life.

Jim & Vicki

Jim Kollross - October 26, 2019 at 11:52 AM