



Terry Neil Miller

September 24, 1936 - November 26, 2025

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Terry Neil Miller, 89, of Bloomington, Minnesota, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, passing peacefully at Nine Mile Creek Senior Living as his favorite hymns were sung to him.

Born on September 24, 1936, in Montevideo, Minnesota, Terry was the son of Neil and Vivian Miller, both of whom preceded him in death, as did his sister Bonnie. He served proudly as a Quartermaster in the United States Navy, where he learned celestial navigation, a skill he later used to impress his children on late-night drives to the cabin.

After his military service, he earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Hamline University. It was there that he met Trudy, the love of his life. Terry and Trudy were married in 1961, spending their early years in St. Paul before settling in Bloomington. They raised their three children in a home filled with love, stability, humor, and faith in God.

A defining moment in Terry's life came in 1979 when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior...a day he said changed his life forever. His faith grew through

Bible study, ministry involvement, and long seasons of fellowship at Bloomington Covenant Church, Emmaus Free Lutheran Church, and Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel, where he and Trudy found meaningful community.

Terry built a respected career in business real estate and mortgage lending, working for Northwest National Life Insurance, IDS, BA Mortgage Company, and Kraus-Anderson Mortgage. In addition to his professional accomplishments, he devoted himself to ministry and service, using his financial abilities as a treasurer for the Gideons and EPPIC Ministries, and encouraging others through his steady love for the Word of God.

Known for sharp sarcasm and dry humor, he was also a deeply loving and generous husband, father, grandfather, and friend who showed his devotion through loyalty and hard work. Terry cherished his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, taking joy in cheering them on, teasing them, and sharing the kind of jokes only a grandpa can get away with.

Many treasured memories were made at the family cabin near Marcell, Minnesota. Terry packed lightly, built legendary bonfires, boated and snowmobiled with his kids, navigated backroads by memory and by the stars, and turned simple days into lasting adventures.

Terry took great joy in coaching his kids' baseball, basketball, and soccer teams. He was actively engaged in their activities and encouraged them to pursue whatever sparked their interest.

Above all, Terry introduced his wife, his children, and even his parents to Jesus. The foundation of faith he established continues to shape generations.

Terry is survived by his wife Trudy and their children:

- Darla (Mark) Teslow, with grandsons Josh (Samantha) and Aaron (Katie)

and great-granddaughters Nora and Avery

· Steve (Bobbi) Miller and grandson Colby

· David (Karin) Miller and grandchildren Micaiah, Josiah, Miriam, Anna, Elijah, and Grace

He will be remembered for his faith, his devotion to family, his generosity, his humor, and his unmistakable spirit. He was truly one of a kind and will be deeply and joyfully missed.

He is now in the presence of his Savior, welcomed with the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to The Alzheimer's Association or The Gideons International.

A memorial service will be held at 2PM on Friday, February 13th with visitation one hour prior, all at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 8443 Second Ave S, Bloomington, MN.

Private interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Emmaus Lutheran Church
8443 2nd Ave S
Bloomington, MN 55420

Memorial Service

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Byron A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terry Neil Miller.

Byron A. - February 12 at 09:49 PM

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“ Sarah Zodin and the Bullard Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Terry Neil Miller.



Sarah Zodin and the Bullard Family - January 28 at 10:27 PM

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“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terry Neil Miller.



January 13 at 02:41 PM