



## Lt. Col. Michael Gene Miller

September 6, 1950 - September 6, 2017

Michael Gene Miller went to be with the Lord on his 67th birthday, September 6, 2017. He was born in 1950 at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. He is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Mary Miller, sister Kathleen Smarzik and grandson Evan Miller. Michael is survived by his loving wife, Carleta Lorraine Miller; children, Gus Tome (Angela), David Miller, Veronica Miller, Jesse Miller (Amy), Joseph Miller (Matt), and Jacob Miller (Pam); brother, Len Hoskins; 10 grandchildren, Isabella, Trent, Dayia, Tierney, Kat, Mary Kathleen, Jewel, Grace, Jacob and Mason; 1 great-grandson, Derrick, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lt. Col. Michael Gene Miller proudly served and retired from the United States Air Force. His faith and love for God drove him to get his Doctorate of Theology after retirement. Michael enjoyed singing, playing music, writing, hunting, fishing, and most of all spending time with his family. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be Monday, September 11, 2017 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Mission Park South. Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday, September 12th at 11:00 a.m. at Victory Outreach Church. Graveside Service with full military honors will be Monday, September 18th at 10:45 a.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. You may sign the online guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Victory Outreach Church  
851 Hammond Ave.  
San Antonio, TX 78210

## Graveside Service

SEP 18. 10:45 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
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# Tribute Wall

BM

“ Lee, I am so sorry to hear about Mike. He was a bit of a godfather to me during our time with SAIC. He gave me wise guidance as I came aboard for my second career and I appreciated it. Soon after I found he had married you, a fellow JOCCOer and knew he just had to be a good guy. Wishing you many blessings and Vata con Dios brother Mike.

**Bruce McKinney** - September 18, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same. Mike was one of those people. He was my mentor, co-worker, and friend. He was a great inspiration to all. He enriched our lives and will be greatly missed. Our love and thoughts are with you. Rick & Judy Josten

**Brigit Josten** - September 12, 2017 at 10:47 AM

MD

“ Mike and Donna Dendy purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Lt. Col. Michael Gene Miller.



**Mike and Donna Dendy** - September 11, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. Michael Gene Miller.*



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September 11, 2017 at 02:35 AM



“ *KEN & PATTY ADAMS (Gus' Father & Mother - in- law) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lt. Col. Michael Gene Miller.*



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**KEN & PATTY ADAMS (Gus' Father & Mother -in- law) -**  
September 10, 2017 at 02:58 PM

DF

“ > Mike and I attended Navigator School and Electronic Warfare Officer School together as 2nd LTs. We graduated from EWO School in October 1973 and headed to Survival School at Fairchild, completing that 2-week course in late Oct. Mike started B-52 lead in school at Castle, AFB CA and, upon graduating in Dec 1973, he headed to Barksdale AFB, LA for his B-52 G flying. As I recall, Mike was an Instructor EWO and in Stan Eval. >

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> Mike was a master gunsmith and particularly enjoyed handguns. He has worked his way through high school working in a gun shop. He taught me how to load my own ammo and helped me sight in my hunting rifle. Mike and I fished often and hunted a few times. One fishing trip involved taking along the Squadron CC, Lt. Col Otis “GIANT Zero” Chambers. We leased an MWR flat bottom boat with jet engine and trailer someone drove us over to Eagle, AK, where we put into the Yukon River and headed west. We turned south into the Charlie River, which was crystal clear and full of Grayling and Northern Pike. We found a nice sandy area to camp and for four days, we drove up river for two hours and drifted back to camp fishing all the way. Mike was always the best fisherman in the boat and the Commander and I were glad he was also the best cook. After 5 days of eating 18” long Grayling more ways than I’d like to remember, we broke camp, headed out and entered the muddy Yukon again and head west. We got out of the river at Circle, AK and called someone to come get us. It was a wonderful trip with a dear friend and many fond memories. One such story I’ll share. The weather on this trip was crystal clear all week. One day, while drifting down river, the temp reached 99 degrees and it was really hot. So Mike and I got the bright idea to strip down to our underwear and jump in to cool off. Well!. Taking a super heated body and dunking it in 34 degree water was not a fit of brilliance. I think I actually saw Mike walk on the water that day.

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> What would a BALL Raven bio be without at least one Shemya story. Here goes...”we had a beer light.” Then Capt Mike Miller, 1st LT Wayne Stafford, 1st LT Guy Lawson and me (now also a Capt)

*drove one of the crew trucks to Stumpy's (a restaurant & bar on the main base). Upon returning in the dark. Okay, it was a dark and windy night. There may have been a light, 45 MPH rain. Or perhaps it was sleet. Nevertheless, upon returning to Hanger 2, the vehicle was driven unintentionally past the turn. Upon backing up to turn onto the road to Hanger 2, the vehicle entered into a unprotected hole at the side of the road and ended nose up at approximately an 80 degree angle, totally in the hole. All four of us exited the vehicle...luckily unscathed and commenced to plan how to hide the truck. When neither of us had any ideas, I came up with the solution. I got hold of the Maintenance Chief, who upon surveying the scene, decide that the "Uke" could pull it out. Brilliance had collided with dire necessity. The Chief's idea worked (of course it did). To this day, after I personally donated a case of beer to the Chief and his team , the Det staff never knew about the truck's unintentional parking location and never know how the sign Lawson's Gulch appeared practically the next day crafted by Mike and your truly. I never understood why Guy Lawson continues to deny that he was driving the truck. At least he accepted that neither Captain Miller or Captain Freeman could not be guilty of such poor driving.*

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*> Mike always had the greatest laugh and one of those smile that lets you know that he knows more than he is going to talk about. Mike and that smile will be missed tremendously. Rest In Peace dear friend.*

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**Don Freeman** - September 10, 2017 at 11:55 AM

DV

“ *Diane Valente purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Lt. Col. Michael Gene Miller.*



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**Diane Valente** - September 10, 2017 at 08:57 AM

JF

“ *jaime valente & family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Lt. Col. Michael Gene Miller.*



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**jaime valente & family** - September 09, 2017 at 02:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. Michael Gene Miller.*



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September 09, 2017 at 08:46 AM