



Theodore E. Miller Sr.

September 11, 1919 - July 20, 2008

Theodore E. Miller, Sr., 88, of Farmington, husband of the late Anna Bokan Miller, passed away Sunday July 20, 2008 at John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington. Born in New Britain, he lived in New Britain for many years, moving to The Gables of Farmington a few years ago. Theodore was a graduate of The Citadel, a military college in South Carolina with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1949. He also proudly graduated from Yale University with a master's degree in Engineering in 1950. He later became a member of Tau Beta Phi, an honors society for engineers. Theodore worked as a Professional Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor for Metropolitan District of CT until his retirement. He became a lifelong member of the America Society of Civil Engineers along with the National Society of Professional Engineers. Theodore was a veteran of World War II, proudly serving his country in the Army for 8 years. He was also a member of the American Legion.

Theodore is survived by a son; Theodore E. Miller Jr. and his wife Maryann of New Milford; two daughters; Carol Long and her husband Joseph of Avon; Barbara Forgit and her husband Donald of Farmington; five grandchildren; Kenneth Forgit, Marla Forgit, Patricia Long, Christine Long and Matthew Miller; one brother; Arthur Miller of Glastonbury; a sister-in-law; Albina Bokan Schwanke.; several nieces and nephews. Besides his wife Anna, Theodore was predeceased by a sister, Helen Miller.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday July 23, 2008 11 AM at the Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051 followed by burial in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours will be held 9 AM Wednesday July 23, 2008 until the time of the service at Carlson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society care of-Southern New England Region-Meriden, CT Meriden Executive Park, 538 Preston Ave. Meriden, CT 06450. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Theodore's family by "clicking" GUESTBOOK at the bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

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“*Ted Miller was more than just a man to me. He was like a grandpa. He taught me so many things when I was younger that I will never forget. He made me want to believe in myself and push myself as far as I could go. He continuously reminded me of all his great accomplishments he was able to do in order to show me that you really can conquer your dreams. He was a big part of our life and we all loved him very much. We all wish him a Happy Birthday this day. Even though his time is done here he will always be remembered in our hearts forever.*”

Camille Lacey - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I’d first like to thank everyone for their condolences over the passing of Grandpa Miller and for sharing their thoughts, memories and prayers here online and at his service. Your many contributions have let me learn more about my grandpa and I am very grateful for your shared memories of him.

I remember grandpa as someone I could always look up to, both when I was young and as I grew up and started working for a living. While maybe my closeness with him was also due to my mom’s efforts to bring him close to us, I know now from all the stories we shared this week that he affected others as well. In a world where most kids growing up have only characters in video games, sports athletes and drama-crazed celebrities as convenient role-models, I felt especially blessed to have someone with such strong character and wisdom within my family from which to learn. I know I could not be who I am today without having known him and being such an important person in my life.

Some of my fondest memories of Grandpa were when I was very young. I’ll always miss the Willy and Billy stories he told us when we visited him enroute to our annual vacations. Willy, the fearless and ever-curious raccoon and Billy, the intelligent, resourceful beaver came to the rescue of other animals and even foiled Saddam Hussein’s attempt at poisoning the army’s water supply in Saudi Arabia. The stories were very entertaining, but the moral message of doing the right thing and being heroic against evil were never lost on me. Also, when I was about 10, I flew down to visit him in Brunswick Georgia where he lived then. I remember having him put a real tie on me for the first time before I had clip-ons and we went to the Golden Isle Ivy League club for a meeting. Grandpa was always very proud of his Ivy League background and of me. Both showed as he was glowing there at the meeting. He introduced me to everyone in the room and of course, I gave them all the magic numbers and capitals that he had taught me. Of course, Grandpa was also the first one in the door that day I thought we were the hosts!, and the food was very

good. Later on that week, we went to church and visited a senior home, while grandpa taught me the importance of following the bible and honoring my father and mother. While I can't say that I became a devout Christian because of the experience, I'll no doubt remember these things forever.

I'll also miss the holidays, where sometimes I couldn't wait to see him again. Maybe it was partly because I wanted to get the \$20 for getting his quizzes right which were never indexed for inflation!, but also because I wanted to hear more stories from him. When he finally got to the Gables, it felt like he had returned home. He came over weekly, and while he had the same stories, I was eager to tell him all of mine. For some reason, even though I heard the stories hundreds of times before, I still wanted him to tell them again and again.

So I'll miss him very much and the last days were definitely the hardest ones to bear. I wanted him to keep on fighting. I wanted him to see one of his grandchildren get married. But it was his time and he was ready to move back in with those who had passed ahead of him in heaven. Now they will have to hear all those stories, again and again too! I love you Grandpa!

Kenneth Forgit - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Dad:

I know that you have left us and I really feel the loss. I have loved you forever and know that you are with God now and mom. I tried my best to take care of you when you needed me. The passing of you has been very difficult for me. I will always love you and I can not thank you enough for all you did with your grandchildren. I am so fortunate that both Ken and Marla did enjoy being part of your life and so did my dog, Pucci. The funny things you used to say to me about Pucci are still fresh in my mind. You could not believe that I took care of Pucci like I did but I always told you he was like my first grandchild.

You have been the best dad to me in the whole world and I could have never asked for anything else. May you rest in peace now and when it is my turn to enter into the kingdom of God, I can't wait to see you and mom again.

love always and forever

Barbara

Barbara A Forgit - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Ted, Barbara, Carol and family

Pam and I send our condolences over the loss of your Dad...I have many fond memories during our childhood on Mohawk Street and apologize for not being able to attend the services. We have been blessed to have our parents this long. I hope this note finds everyone well...Ted if you're in the area please give us a call 860 223-1651.

Mark Francini - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Ted and Maryann: My sincerest condolences to you and your family. I'm sure your Dad was a great man. Stay strong, stay well.....

Dennis Buden - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To the memory of my grandfather who I love very much, and all my family,
I have been blessed to have such an intelligent, strong man who loved and cared for all of his family, as a part of my life.
Encouraging each of us to work hard, enjoy life, and follow our dreams. My grandfather was charismatic and happy, always laughing and smiling, he was a pleasure to be around and he will remain in my heart forever.- With love, his granddaughter, Marla

Marla Forgit - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

“ Uncle Ted, Aunt Mary and families -- Just wanted to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers!

A Funeral Poem -- Written by Anonymous

*God looked around his garden
And He found an empty place.
And then He looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.*

*He put His arms around you,
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered "Peace be thine."*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

We love you -- The Brady Bunch

CS

“ *Uncle Ted, Aunt Mary and Family,*

We are so sorry for your loss. You both have been through so much this year. You are in our thoughts and our prayers. If there is anything we can do, just let us know.

*We love you,
Dani and Carlo*

Carlo and Danielle Scalora - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. He was a strong intelligent man who we respected. We will certainly miss Grandpa Miller at Christmas Dinner, there is no one that can say grace better than him or challenge us in algebra equations.*

Keith, Sarah & Justin Humiston - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Ted, Maryann and Family*

We're very sorry to hear about your dad.

We've all been through so much this year. Thank God we have each other to lean on. Talk to you soon and Take Care

Love, Julie and Lee - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *MaryAnn, Ted, Matt & Miller Family: Sorry to hear the sad news. Wish I could be there to be with you at this time. My prayers are with you and the family. Love, Di*

Diane & Glenn Stark - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Ted, Mary Ann & Matthew, our hearts go out to you with your loss.
You're in our thoughts and prayers.*

We love you, Phyllis & Les

Phyllis & Les Scott - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM