



Michael J. Miller

May 5, 1959 - December 11, 2019

Colonie - Michael J. Miller, 60, of Colonie, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 11, 2019. Mike passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family after a brief illness.

Mike served his country with honor as a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps – one of his proudest accomplishments and a driving force behind his enthusiastic patriotism. Mike’s Marine Corps experience defined him. He embodied the values of honor, courage and commitment and was always “squared away.”

Mike was born in St. Louis, MO, in May 1959, the son of the late James Miller and Luann Miller of Schenectady. Mike’s family was his everything to him. He is survived by his wife and soul mate, Denise Sheehan of Colonie, whom he called “the best thing that ever happened to him,” his beloved children, Katy Miller of Las Vegas, NV, Becky Miller (Tim Picciocca) of Latham, and Douglas Miller of Philadelphia, PA, whom he referred to as the “biggest joys of his life.”

He is also survived by his siblings, Mark Miller (Abby), of Kalamazoo, MI, Lynne Miller of Schenectady, parents-in-law, Jim and Joan Sheehan of

Colonie, sisters-in-law Audrey McHugh (Tim) of Latham, and Jamie Sheehan Coleman (Dwayne) of Accokeek, MD, and former wife, Aimee Taylor of Greenwich, NY. He was “Uncle Mike” to several nieces and nephews whom he adored and best pals with his lifelong friends, John McDonald, Jim Gaffney, and the late Steve Leap.

Mike grew up in Schenectady and graduated from Bishop Gibbons High School in 1977 and earned his BS from Iona College, where he excelled as a Division I athlete in track and field. Mike recently retired from a 17-year career with the New York State Assembly, where he worked tirelessly to protect the Constitutional rights of all New Yorkers. Mike was loved and appreciated by his extended “work family.”

Mike loved the outdoors. From climbing the Adirondack high peaks to catching fish at secret spots, sitting with his back against a tree stump in the deer woods, or target shooting at the range, Mike was most at peace in nature. He instilled this love in his children through many unforgettable camping and fishing adventures in the Adirondacks. He was a historian (especially military history) and voracious reader, typically tackling several books at a time to feed his intellectual curiosity. He most enjoyed reading on the beach with his toes in the sand.

Those who knew and loved Mike appreciated his unique and infectious sense of humor. He had a quick wit and employed a creative use of the English language.

Mike loved sports and was a die-hard fan of the New York Yankees and the

Buffalo Bills (New York's only football team). He enjoyed trivia and testing his knowledge by watching "Jeopardy" every night; Mike was our "Jeopardy James." He was active in his community, previously serving on the Board of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, West Albany Rod and Gun Club, and Empire State Aerospace Museum. He was a member of the Marine Corps League-Electric City Detachment, the American Legion-Zaloga Post, and the Saratoga National Cemetery Honor Guard. Mike enjoyed traveling and especially loved the Florida Gulf Coast. Mike proudly carried the Irish Flag for the Colonie Irish for two decades in the Albany St. Patrick's Day parade.

Semper Fi Marine. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mike's family Sunday, December 15, 2019 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Funeral services Monday, December 16, 2019 at 9:00 am at McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany, NY thence to Our Lady of Assumption Church, Latham, NY at 10:00 am where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at 1:00 pm at Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville, NY.

To leave a message for the family, light a virtual candle, obtain directions or

view other helpful services please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In honor of Mike's interest in supporting military families and veterans, donations can be made in his memory to the American Red Cross of Northeastern New York, 33 Everett Road, Albany, NY, 12205.

Cemetery Details

Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **15**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

DEC **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Assumption Church
498 Watervliet-Shaker Road
Latham, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael J. Miller*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 15, 2019 at 11:08 AM

MC

Denise, Joan, Jim & family... May memories bring you some comfort in the difficult days ahead. You're all in my thoughts and prayers...

Mary Ann Chesky - December 15, 2019 at 07:22 PM

KF

Denise, I am so very sorry that you have lost your soulmate. My heart also goes out to Jim, Joan and the rest of your friends and family. He was indeed fortunate to have had so many people who loved him. May you cherish his memory always ... In sympathy, Kitty Foyle

Kitty Foyle - December 15, 2019 at 07:49 PM



“ *Michael J. Miller*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

JA

“ *Denise, I just heard about Mike and I am so sorry. May he rest in peace and may your wonderful memories of him help you through this sad time. Sincerely. Judy Allen from Sarasota*

Judy Allen - December 20, 2019 at 12:34 AM

PM

“Denise, my sincerest and deepest sympathies to you and all who loved Mike. May all of your cherished memories be held forever and shared continually to keep his spirit alive for all to feel and be comforted by always! Patty Munhall-Blacklock

Patty Munhall-Blacklock - December 15, 2019 at 02:43 PM

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“68 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 15, 2019 at 11:05 AM

CM

So many wonderful memories and beautiful pictures . Hold them dear and reflect back . They will help get you through those dark days and that's when God will remind you of how lucky you were to have celebrated the love , laughter , and happiness that you found in each other. ❤️🙏❤️

Cindy McDonald - December 16, 2019 at 06:32 AM

KL

Denise, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your husband. My sincere sympathies to you and your family. Karen Lewanick

Karen Lewanick - December 16, 2019 at 03:02 PM



“ Dear Aimee, Becky, Katy, and Douglas,
Thinking of you in this time of Sadness.
Always remember and Treasure wonderful memories.
Loads of Hugs, Joan Jones

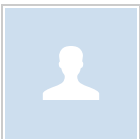
Joan Jones - December 15, 2019 at 07:26 AM



“ Joan Jones lit a candle in memory of Michael
J. Miller



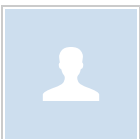
Joan Jones - December 15, 2019 at 07:20 AM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the
family of Michael J. Miller.



December 14, 2019 at 11:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Michael J. Miller.



December 14, 2019 at 11:12 AM

SO

“ I had the pleasure and honor of knowing Micheal for several years.
We had some great conversations
He always smiled and spoke of his love for his wife and his country
I have not seen him for awhile
Very sad to here of his passing
I thank him for his continuing service
Rest in peace
Suzanne O'Loughlin,N.P.

suzanne o'loughlin - December 14, 2019 at 08:52 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael J. Miller.



December 14, 2019 at 08:26 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Michael J. Miller.



December 13, 2019 at 10:07 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael J. Miller.



December 13, 2019 at 09:53 PM

PT

“ I will miss the conversations we were never able to have, and the laughs we won't soon be able to share. Godspeed Mike, your light still shows the way.

Pat Taylor - December 13, 2019 at 08:34 PM

EP

“ Dear Becky, I am so very sorry to hear that your father has passed away. Please accept my deepest condolences to you and your family. May God be with you in this time of sorrow ❤️
Elizabeth Page

elizabeth page - December 13, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Michael J. Miller.



December 13, 2019 at 01:11 PM