



MGys (Ret) Charles William Miller

December 11, 2012

Born the last child of four children of Samuel and Emma Lee Miller, Charles William Miller first saw the light of day on December 10, 1948 in Wauchula, Florida. His childhood and youth included adventures with his friends Alvin and Wayne English in the oak hammocks and among the palmettos and creeks of south central Florida hunting deer, coons and opossum. As a young boy, Charles often helped his father with the chores of cattle ranching and at the age of 12 he earned a man's daily wage as a cowboy on a 500,000 acre cattle ranch.

At 17, following in his brother Jamie's footsteps, Charles joined the US Marine Corps. He enjoyed a successful career that spanned 30 years and attained the non-commissioned officer rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant. He was a very patriotic American and an extremely loyal Marine. Charles served two tours of duty in the Vietnam War, served in Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia, was stationed in Okinawa several times, and was in various other locations both overseas and in the United States.

A number of years were spent in San Diego, CA where he met fellow Marine Mark Grenier. For the past 40 years they have reminisced over the "Great Fly Hunt" which occurred on one hot September football afternoon. Another friend of 40 years, Darryl Akery, was once only an enlisted Marine from Missouri who thought Charles was a great "Gunney." After leaving the Corps, Darryl became

a fast friend and Charles was always “Gunney” to Darryl. It was while Charles was living in Oceanside, CA that he became friends with Charles Kelly, another Marine. The two Charles were often involved in weekly activities like off-shore fishing trips to the Mexican Coronado Islands, frog gigging and deer hunting or attending the sports games of their sons. Charles was very involved in his son, Edward’s, sports activities and attended all the games when in country. In 1982, while still at Camp Pendleton, he was blessed with the birth of a daughter, Jaymi Lyn. Charles retired from active duty in 1994 to pursue his retirement dream of living a country life once again.

When Charles found the quiet farm in Laquey surrounded by national forest lands, with a lot of wild life, he moved from Oceanside, CA to Laquey, MO. Eagerly, Charles returned to the cattle business, but on a much smaller scale than that of his childhood. He soon made new friends in the area who have been so supportive and helpful over the years, Jr. Hill, David Dicke, Frank Norris, and Jerry Ransom among others. Although many medical problems plagued Charles and limited his activities, he still enjoyed his retirement years on the farm, in the surrounding woodlands and just relaxing. For instance, he hunted until the last – he shot a young buck right off the back porch the weekend before Thanksgiving. Also, he was an avid football fan and enjoyed watching a good game and loved talking strategy and tactics. Sunday breakfast at Price Cutter was an important part of each week when he would meet with David Dicke and the “Liars’ Club” to discuss such topics as the weather, cows, and politics.

Charles was predeceased by his father Samuel H. Miller, his mother Emma Lee Revel Miller, his sister Shirley Miller Frymire, his brother James Miller, and his sister Aris Miller all of Wauchula, Florida. He is survived by his son Edward William Miller (Annalisa), Glendale, CA, his daughter Jaymi Lyn Miller Copeland (Curtis), Richmond, TX, grandchildren Matthew and Kayla Miller, and his former wife of 33 years Lyn Miller, Rolla, MO. Also, his niece Theresa

Wilson (Rick), Bartow, FL and nephew Jerry Pittman, New Haven, FL as well as several great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Graveside services with military honors were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 18, 2012 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville with Chaplain Jin Choi officiating. Honors were provided by the United States Marine Corp. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 18. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Charles was beautiful soul
Dated him on his first time
Tour in Viet Nam . Was happy
To call him my friend . Lost
Contact you
Over the years and so glad he ended up having children and a
family
Joan Dease Givens

Joan Givens - December 24, 2023 at 04:31 PM



“ MGys (Ret) Charles William Miller

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

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“ Alvin and Teresa English purchased the Holiday
Homecoming Basket for the family of MGys (Ret)
Charles William Miller.



Alvin and Teresa English - December 17, 2012 at 12:10 PM

AM

“ A. Miller lit a candle in memory of MGys (Ret)
Charles William Miller



A. Miller - December 13, 2012 at 03:50 PM

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“ *Marlin Stevens lit a candle in memory of
MGys (Ret) Charles William Miller*



Marlin Stevens - December 12, 2012 at 01:23 PM