



LTC (Ret) Klaude Anthony "Tony" Miller

January 20, 1952 - February 19, 2024

Klaude Anthony "Tony" Miller—an adventurer and soldier, a brother mason and true friend, a loving husband and beloved father—departed this world at sunrise on February 19, 2024, surrounded by his family. He was 72 years old.

Tony was the second of five children to Patricia M. (Cleveland) Miller. He spent his childhood in Artesia, California, reading, playing sports here and abroad, working at a Fosters Freeze ice cream shop, helping raise his brothers (sorry, Dell), and dreaming of the man he wanted to be. Tony graduated from Artesia High School and continued his love of learning the rest of his life, attending Cerritos College, California Polytechnic University in Pomona, University of Phoenix, and Ozark Technical Community College.

After his time at Cerritos College, Tony pursued what would be his true calling and enlisted in the U.S. Army. There, he joined the ranks of the Army Corp of Engineers with whom he served the entirety of his career. Tony dedicated his life and talents towards developing himself to be the best soldier he could be. To that end, he chose to become an Army officer so that he could expand the ways that he could develop and support the soldiers around him. The Army gave him the chance to explore the world and forge friendships that he would carry with him for all his life. Tony truly lived a life of adventure during these years. From having the honor of working with the Old Guard, helping safeguard South Korea, to being the last person to leave Mogadishu during

the U.N. withdrawal, Tony's adventures and acts of service are too numerous to detail here, but some of the honors he earned were: the Korea Defense Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (8th Award), Army Commendation Medal (5th Award), Army Achievement Medal (4th Award), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (4th Award), United Nations Medal, Parachutist Badge, and US Army Basic Recruiter Badge.

Tony fell in love with his wife, Sunny Ro, while stationed in South Korea in the early 1980s. Sunny disapproved of Tony's Jeep but thought "Captain Miller" was a handsome and kind man who danced very well. They have been in love ever since. Tony and Sunny shared over 38 years of marriage and together raised their children, Keevin and Sara (and their beloved dog-child, Pookie).

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Though Tony enjoyed putting on a tough exterior, he was a deeply caring and loving man. It was important to him to make those around him feel special. Silver peace dollars were tokens of trust and honor that Tony would gift to those around him that he held in high esteem. And being a very social man who was quick to strike up friendships, Tony would often say that he had silver coin bearers on every continent aside from Antarctica.

Tony loved his family, often writing notes for his wife and visiting his kids. He could make his family smile by wiggling his ears, baking cookies, or building items for them. He often slipped compliments about his wife, children, siblings, nieces, and nephews into casual conversations. Even when his kids moved away, he remained an active supporter in their lives and looked for ways to be involved. Tony was a proud father.

Tony is already missed and fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory—his wife: Sunny Miller of the home; three children: Mikel Bennett of Austin, TX, Keevin Miller of Columbia, MO, and Sara Miller of Brooklyn, NY; one granddaughter: Ester Wren; one sister: Christina Schlossin of Three Rivers, CA; two brothers: Billy Miller of Pico Rivera, CA and Dell Miller of San Diego, CA; several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Tony was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia M. Miller (2007); brother, Matthew V. Miller (2015); uncle, Peter M. Cleveland (2017); brother-in-law, Tommy D. Schlossin (2021); father-in-law, Ro Bong-Dae (2000); mother-in-law, Son I-Soon (1994); and brother-in-law, Ro Shik-Mu (2023).

Tony's gregarious laugh and goofy smile will live on in our hearts forever, while his commitment to his family, country, and friends will be his legacy.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 27, 2024 in the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Robert, Missouri with Pastor John Perling officiating. Serving as escorts were Kristofer Schlossin, Noel Miller, Dell Miller, Jimmy Miller, Jenks Drury, and John Rosipal. Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville with honors being provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of LTC (Ret) Tony Miller and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 26. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Masonic Service

FEB 26. 6:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Funeral Service

FEB 27. 11:00 AM.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church Of St. Robert

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of LTC (Ret) Klaude Anthony "Tony" Miller*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 29, 2024 at 03:11 PM

HF

*Beautiful Tribute to Tony both his family and his Military service. He was a funny, warm, and caring man and as a Shriner, his heart was with the children who the Shriners helped. You're laughter will be missed. God Bless the Tony Miller family, our prayers go out to you.
Dan and Holly French*

Holly French - March 04, 2024 at 11:03 AM

MP

“ *Tony has been my Golf buddy since almost the day I arrived at Ft Leonard Wood. In that time we managed to play almost every month of the year and in fact it was a chilly December day a couple of years ago when Tony got his Hole in One on number Eight in Dixon. I will never forget the times we spent playing "Flog" and the time after, analyzing everything we did right or wrong. I'm going to miss you Bud, but I know we will eventually get the chance to finish our last game. God Speed my Friend!*

Mark H Potter - February 27, 2024 at 11:17 AM



“ 144 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 26, 2024 at 02:58 PM

RS

“ *I met Tony at First Christian Church of Waynesville many years ago and he will be forever be a part of this Church. Anyone that ever met him will always remember his smile. It was an inviting and cheerful of smiles and it was from a big heart. A hardy laugh and joy in his soul is what will be my first and last thoughts for Tony. To his family, I know that he was called home to the Lord, Jesus Christ and is resting in a perfect peace that over comes all human understanding.*

Ron Seymore - February 22, 2024 at 11:01 AM

CB

“ *Cheryl Boothe
I met Tony Miller. Just one time. I'm here sure
he left a lasting
impression, on everyone he met. He was a
very nice person and he, Courteous and
polite.
To The family. I am so sorry for your loss.*



Cheryl Boothe - February 21, 2024 at 10:30 AM

CB

“ *CSM(Ret)Harold&Brigitte Burleson lit a candle in memory of Klaude Miller*



CSM(Ret)Harold&Brigitte Burleson - February 21, 2024 at 09:28 AM

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“ *Fort Wood Lions Club lit a candle in memory of Klaude Miller*



Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club - February 21, 2024 at 09:27 AM

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“ *Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Klaude Miller*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - February 21, 2024 at 09:27 AM

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“ *I go way back with Tony (and Sunny): 1982-83 Camp Humphries, Pyontaek ROK. Tony commanded Alpha Co/ 802nd EN BN and I had Bravo Company. Only Tony had a car (some Korean knockoff of a Ford sedan). It made him real popular when a bunch of us could pile in and drive over to Osan Air Force Base and CIVILIZATION (they even had a golf course!) Later we shared a cubicle here at FLW as contractors. His was a life well lived.*

COL(Ret) John Holler - February 20, 2024 at 08:28 PM