



Donald Hampton Miller

October 25, 1937 - April 20, 2018

Donald Hampton Miller was called from earthly labor to heavenly reward Friday morning, April 20, 2017, at the WJB Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia surrounded by his family.

Born October 25, 1937, in Charlottesville, Virginia, he was a son of the late Curley Hampton Miller and Virginia Smith Miller. Donald was educated in the public schools of Sumter County, graduated from Lincoln High School in the Class of 1955 before earning an Associate's Degree from Midlands Technical College.

Donald proudly served his nation in the United States Army, receiving several honors including the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with palm, Meritorious Service Medal, and Bronze Star during the Vietnam War, and he retired in 1975, at which time he began employment with Cooper Tools as a machinist.

Donald married the former Estella Joyce Houston, and together they raised six children. Well-traveled due to his time in the military, Donald enjoyed Germany and France (particularly Paris) as well as golfing, reading, fishing, painting, and photography. It was also common to see Donald at the local bowling alley getting some time in on the lanes.

A man of strong, Christian faith, Donald served St. Martin de Porres Catholic

Church in many capacities including: Parish Council, Knights of Peter Claver, Men's Choir, Joint Choir, a founding member of the Men's Bible Study, Usher, and Men's Club as well as cooking for church activities. He was also a member of the Fort Jackson Golf Association as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

In addition to his parents, Donald was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Daniels, and two brothers: Roland H. Miller and Curley Miller, Jr.

Donald leaves to cherish precious memories his wife Estella of the home; three daughters: Kimberly Patton, Endeliza (Nicky) Devane, and Andrea (Ugochukwu) Eke, all of Columbia; two sons: Darryl Brown and Clifford Patton, both of Kentucky; granddaughter, Monique Stokes, of the home; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; three sisters: June (Harvey Lee) Albritton, Marcina McDuffie, and Regina Holland; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **26**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Family Visitation

APR **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

APR **27**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
2229 Hampton Street
Columbia, SC 29204

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Hampton Miller*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *My name is Ken Reid and I was the lieutenant who was with Sergeant Miller on the day he earned the Bronze Star with V device on 1 December 1969 (I wrote up the citation.). He was a good man and I'm sorry to learn he is no longer with us. I have a few photos and memories of adventures we shared in Phuoc Long that I'd be happy to share with any interested family members. ken.reid@live.com*

ken reid - March 27, 2021 at 11:13 PM



“ *The Refreshing Springs Kingdom Outreach Ministries would like to take this time to extend our most heartfelt sympathies to you. We can hardly imagine the depth of your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Sincerely,

Elder Willie M. Richardson Jr., Associate Pastor

Melissa Weeks-Richardson, Pastor



Melissa Weeks-Richardson - April 25, 2018 at 09:34 PM

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“ *LOIS Rogers lit a candle in memory of Donald Hampton Miller*



LOIS Rogers - April 25, 2018 at 04:15 PM