



## Major James W. Miller

November 3, 2017

Major James W. Miller, 90, of Ephrata, was “Promoted to Glory” on Friday, November 3, 2017. Born in Oil City to the late Coder and Florence Miller he spent his entire life with The Salvation Army. He was ordained as a minister in The Salvation Army in 1948. He pastored at a number of locations in eastern Pennsylvania as well as other locations in the northeastern US.

Prior to entering seminary, he served in the US Army near the end of World War II and upon his discharge returned to Oil City HS to complete his High School education.

“Jim” married his life-long sweetheart Marjorie in November 1950 and they had 4 daughters. He and his wife retired in 1992 to Oil City but later moved to the Lancaster area. In his last seven years, he was confined to the Ephrata Manor Skilled Nursing facility but continued his life-long ministry to others by regularly counseling and praying with other patients.

James is survived by his wife, Marjorie, four daughters, Carol Helman, Diane Foss, Sharon Kelly and Susan Smith, ten grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and a sister, Mary Jean Irwin of Leesburg, FL. He was predeceased by his parents, three siblings, Ruth, Helen, and Harold, a son-in-law, Tom Helman and a grandchild, Jennifer Kelly.

His wife of almost 67 years along with the family will receive visitors at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.) Lancaster on Friday, November 10, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. They will have a "Celebration of Life" service on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at The Salvation Army, 131 S. Queen Street, Lancaster, PA to which all are welcome. Interment will take place at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

NOV **11**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Major James W. Miller*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He is Home now with God. Praying for you and your family , Marjorie. Sending my love to all. ROBIN (FOSS) CLARK here in Florida.*

**Robin Clark** - November 15, 2017 at 03:11 PM



“ *Thank you, Uncle Jim, not only for your military service, but for your service to humanity in God's Salvation Army. You warm heart and caring tenderness are what I carry in my memories of you. Give my love to Grandma and to Tim until we meet again. I love you. 🙏💕*



**Valerie Irwin** - November 10, 2017 at 12:25 PM



“ *Val purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Major James W. Miller.*



**Val** - November 10, 2017 at 12:12 PM

BS

“ You know it’s true:  
This Good-bye is not forever.  
This Good-bye is not the end.  
It simply means you’ll miss him  
Until you meet again.

You all know that Jesus promised it -

“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” (John 14:2-3 - NKJV)

SOMEDAY!!! – You’re gonna see him again!

With Lots of Love,

Betty Sharp

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**Betty Sharp** - November 09, 2017 at 07:27 PM

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“ Many memories come to mind at this time. The (Hartwell & Irene) Fleming family had wonderful times with the Miller family over the years. It was to my benefit that Major Miller was my pastor for a time. While saddened at this earthly loss, I give thanks for this Promotion to Glory. May all family members and friends of "Jim" find comfort and peace during the days to come.

Martha Fleming

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**Martha Fleming** - November 09, 2017 at 08:46 AM

PK

“ *It seems like we have been waiting a long time for your going home to Heaven day; and at the same time, each of your children by blood and those by marriage would say we didn't have enough time with you. You have been a prayer warrior when you couldn't do anything else. Well done, Dad. You finished well. Paul*

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**Paul Kelly** - November 08, 2017 at 11:29 AM