



LEROY "TONY" MILLER

August 2, 2011

Leroy "Tony" Miller, 63, of Holtwood, died unexpectedly on Sunday morning, July 31, 2011. Tony was, among other things, a Vietnam Veteran, recipient of a purple heart, an aluminum worker, a family man and the partner-in-crime on an oversized German shepherd. He was also the devoted father of four lucky children and the stepfather of two others who never felt the distinction. He was the husband of Eileen Miller, a woman who justifiably felt there was no more compassionate soul to be found. He brought joy, humor, and earthy wisdom to everyone he touched.

Born in Lancaster he was the son of the late John and Dorothy Stumpf Miller. He resided in nearly every neighborhood of town, before moving to the country to find a quiet place to raise a family. Tony was a past-president of the Otter's Club and an active member in the Millersville VFW.

Tony liked to drink cold beer. He was fond of cooking Sunday dinners, especially those that included pork, sauerkraut and other German fare of his own invention. Much to the chagrin of relatives invested in professional sports, Tony was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. He enjoyed spending time with his family, cruises, gambling, carpentry, hunting, fishing and being outdoors in summer heat. He would do anything for you.

Perhaps more than anything he'll be remembered for his laugh, an infectious sort of belly laugh that ended in a high pitched wheeze, and, if properly stoked, the most genuinely joyous tears. Luckily for those who survive him, he was a man who laughed loud and often.

In addition to his wife, Tony is survived by his children Gary W. Miller of Alabama, Tonya wife of Russ Sexton of Mountville, Michele wife of Matt Sipel of Holtwood, Kimmie D Miller of Wilmington, DE, Amanda wife of Orlando Cruz of Lititz and Matthew Johnson of Lancaster. Also surviving are his four brothers Gene Miller of Columbia, Chet Priest, John Miller, and Paul Miller all of Lancaster, a sister Dottie Wittlinger of Lampeter and nine grandchildren Brandon, Chaya, Jorden, Mercedes, Emily, Hunter, ZJ, Parker and Charlee. He was preceded in death by his sister Gladys Novack.

Tony's Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2011 at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange Street (at the corner of Orange & Pine Sts), Lancaster at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Steve Taylor officiating. The family will greet friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the Service. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers Memorials may be made in Tony's name to The Vietnam Vet Memorial Fund, 2600 Virginia Avenue, Suite 104, Washington, DC 20037.

Tribute Wall



“ LEROY "TONY" MILLER

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Dear Eileen,

I just happened to see Tony's obituary in the Lancaster paper which arrives here on Martha's Vineyard days late. I was so shocked, and Harvey and I want to send to you and your family our deepest sympathy. Saddened as we are, we are also so grateful that you have had this wonderful person with whom to share many caring years. I loved the warmth and insights of the obituary and felt that I knew Tony through what it said.

It has been many years since I last saw you at Willow Valley, but we shared some interesting and fun times at Whitehall. My father always spoke highly of your parents and enjoyed the fact they were neighbors.

Just know you are in our thoughts and prayers, especially in these weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,

Debbie and Harvey Everett

Debbie Everett - August 09, 2011 at 11:36 PM

LD

“ Dear Eileen and family: Me and my family were shocked to read of Tony's death.Me and my whole family loved him very much.He was in Viet Nam with my brother Dave, and escorted his body home and stood watch over his body til he was burried, that ment so much to us.When we were young we all hung out together on Dauphin ST. and him and the guys hung out at the cemetary,they were the cemmies guys,so many good memories,he had a kind soul and a loving heart, which I know all who knew him, knows that.My heart goes out to you and my prayers,if there's ever anything you need or want,were here for you.The DeWitt family.

Linda DeWitt - August 04, 2011 at 12:53 AM

BG

“ Aunt Eileen and Cousins,
Our thoughts are with you all during this time. Please let us know if there is anything we can do.
Love from,
The Novack Families.

Barry John Goldbach - August 03, 2011 at 01:14 PM

BD

“ Eileen,Michelle and Family,We are so very,very sorry to learn of Tony's untimely passing. Please know that you are in our prayers and know that if you need anything at all please call.We love you,Barbie and Bill

Barbara Dohan - August 03, 2011 at 08:25 AM

DD

“ Dear Eileen,

I would like to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband. I hope that your wonderful memories of him will bring you comfort and peace at this difficult time.

I'm sorry I won't be able to make it to the funeral to convey my condolences in person but if there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to let me know.

I want you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.

Denise Dohoney

Denise Dohoney - August 03, 2011 at 03:33 AM

PK

“ *My dear friend, Eileen. I am so saddened and shocked by this event that you must bear. Please know that my heart goes out to you and your entire family. May you feel the love and uplifting from all who are honored to call you a friend. If I can do anything for you, please don't hesitate to call me. Please know that the Lord is holding you in the palms of his hands to give you the strength you need to carry on, Just remember, We are here to lean on as well!*

Peggy Keller - August 03, 2011 at 03:24 AM

MF

“ *Hello Eileen, My family and I send our prayers and condolences to you and your family. Please let me know if I can do anything for you or if you just want someone to talk too. With deepest sympathy,
Mike Katch*

Michael Katch and Family - August 03, 2011 at 03:12 AM

LZ

“ *My sincere condolences and deep sympathy to the entire family. As I told Matt, Dan spoke so fondly....so often of Tony, telling me what a great guy he was and how much he liked spending time with him. I know you will all miss him terribly.*

Lynn Zdilla - August 03, 2011 at 01:32 AM