



Boyd Stanley Miller Jr,

March 3, 1937 - February 19, 2020

Boyd Stanley Miller, Jr., age 82 of Rowlett, TX, passed away February 19, 2020. He was born March 3, 1937 to Boyd Stanley Miller, Sr. and Florence (Bly) Miller. He married Patricia Pardis February 23, 1957, in New Brunswick, Canada.

Boyd served in the United States Air Force before joining the team at NASA where he worked on the Mercury Project, the Gemini Project and the Apollo Program. Equipment he engineered was used to put the first man on the moon in 1969. He later worked at Raytheon as an Engineer until his retirement.

Boyd was a pilot and volunteered with the Civil Air Patrol. He enjoyed hiking, mountain climbing, photography and taught a spin class at LA Fitness after his retirement.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years: Patricia Miller of Rowlett, TX; children: Scott Miller of Richardson, TX, Steven Miller of Rowlett, TX and Michelle Miller Castro and husband Frankie of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; grandchildren: Shane Miller, Tristian Willis and Jace Miller; and great grandson: Patrick Miller. He is preceded in death by his parents.

There will be a private inurnment at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery at a later date.

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November 14, 2020 at 03:52 AM



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I was so saddened to hear of Boyd's passing. I so much enjoyed working with him at Raytheon, until our retirement (Boyd and I retired on the same day). He was a joy to be around and he will surely be missed. He always had such a pleasant demeanor. I will always remember Boyd as a happy person.

I offer my sincerest condolences to his family. To Pat, thanks for sharing Boyd with the rest of the world. We are all blessed to have known him.

Duke Hammond ...

Duke Hammond - February 27, 2020 at 02:47 PM



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I was very sad to hear of Boyd's passing. He was such a wonderful person and a true joy to work with. He was always positive and saw the bright side of things. I have continued to keep up with Boyd through Facebook and loved his posts...his kitty, throwbacks, and whenever he was at spin class! He will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family and prayers.

kkbroyles@gmail.com - February 26, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ I was very saddened to hear about the passing of Boyd. I have only positive memories of working with Boyd. He was helpful and he always had a smile on his face. He was one of the really good guys.

Phil Ziegelbaum - February 26, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ I am very sad to hear this, Boyd and Hank were good friends/ co-workers at Raytheon always joking on when Bluebell was on sale. They always made each others day better. I have always kept up with Boyd on Facebook and loved his humor and wit and his excitement for life. He was one great guy, going to miss him!!

kathy hutchings - February 25, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ We were deeply saddened to hear of Boyd's passing. Our condolences to his family; we will keep you in our thoughts. Boyd and I were on the same team at Raytheon when I first joined the company and I have many fond memories of traveling with Boyd to customer sites in the years just before he retired. He had a keen wit and was always cheerful and fun to work with. Some of his antics at the sites were legendary. We particularly enjoyed his pictures of his interactions with the wildlife which kayaking and hiking, and who could ever forget the rubber raft with the gators.

He may no longer be with us on this earth, but he will forever be in our hearts. Rest in peace, my friend.

Jeff and Michelle Fields - February 25, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ Dear Pat, Family, and Friends,

I had a great time over a number of years working in Garland and traveling to military bases with my friend, Boyd. He was a wonderful man, a friend to many, and a laugh to be around. When we were working, he always had a focus on the mission, and how it would help the warfighter and protect our country. He never turned down a business trip if he got to travel to a base and work around the military personnel. We traveled to Langley AFB to install the Y2K patch, got ordered to back it out, and got to return back to DFW as the only 3 passengers on an American Airlines jet shuttling back for the next morning's flight. We traveled to our Falls Church facility 18 weeks in a row, while the Global Hawk MCE was being developed in the '90s. Long hours and travel were never things that kept Boyd from supporting and advancing our country's military capabilities.

When we were not working, you could always count on him to provide the adventure. The adventure could be visiting something new, eating at a diner, drive-in, or dive, or simply driving down the road not normally taken. I always thought of Boyd as being young, and when he retired from ESY, I wondered how a man could leave work so very early in life. Boyd's plan was to continue with his adventure and not let work get in the way. I was fortunate to follow his escapades on Facebook as he climbed those 14,000-foot mountains in CO, mountain biked in all kinds of rugged terrain, kayaked in beautiful and treacherous waters, and hunted critters we all call snakes on the trails around the country. I've seen him be 2 car lengths from a gator crossing a FL country road, and be a kayak oar away from the tip of his inflatable kayak and a croc in some LA bayou. When he started teaching spin classes at the fitness centers, I was never near the one in my neighborhood, when he came and rode all the young'uns into the mat.

I had three work mentors at ESY/RTN who I greatly appreciate and remember dearly. Hank Hutchings was the first who left us way too early, next was Mike Gerteisen, our boss for a time, and now Boyd who I thought could just live forever.

Prayers for Pat, Family, and Friends. May the Peace of the Lord ease your loss and comfort you in this time of sadness. Just remember that Boyd celebrated life like no other, and would want us too.

Wonderful memories of a wonderful friend – Tunney Dong

Tunney Dong - February 25, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ I am sad to hear of Boyd’s passing. For the many years we worked together, he was always full of sunshine and always sported a smile. When our team deployed, which was a lot, we would always kid and poke at each other. My signature poke at Boyd was to say, “dammit Boyd!”, out of the blue, for no reason at all. After a while it was shortened to DB. He always got a kick out of being called DB. Well, DB, I can’t wait to see you again one day my friend.

Steven Thomas - February 25, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ Boyd was such a wonderful man. I truly enjoyed all of his Facebook pictures of him hiking and kayaking that he shared. Living his retirement to the fullest! I want to extend my most heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends. RIP Boyd
Pam Jones - fellow E-Teamer



Pam Jones - February 24, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ I loved working with Boyd - it was a sad day in my career when he retired from Raytheon. Boyd was indeed a character and loved life - I never saw him when he wasn't smiling. I was fortunate enough to go on several installs with him to Beale AFB, Langley AFB, and a few Air National Guard bases as well. Each one an adventure in a sense, each one came with a long list of memories and smiles.

I know Boyd is busy exploring all that this universe has to offer. I will miss him. Blessings to his family - I know his passing is painful to all who knew him - Tom Clark.

Tom Clark - February 24, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ Dear Miller Family,

We are your neighbors behind you. As I sit here in the back yard right now, I am missing Boyd's presence. We would chat if we happened to be in the ally at the same time. He would share with us about his truly amazing life. We are going to miss seeing him walking in the neighborhood with his backpack. And, seeing him on a ladder, working on a tree in his backyard. We couldn't believe he was 83! Boyd helped us get a fallen tree off our fence once, after a storm, he helped us get back in our home after locking ourselves out. We are going to miss hearing his truck beep and driving off or coming home. Even though we had our backs to each other, we always felt Boyd had our backs. Please let us know if we can do anything for y'all. We are very sad and our hearts go out to each of you. He will be missed by us.
With Neighborly Love,
Jeff and Kathie

Kathie Jones - February 24, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to all of you in the Family- Boyd was such a nice person, even though we never met, ; Charlene & I enjoyed the Facebook posts of Family & his many Adventures- he enjoyed life to the fullest!
So sorry for your loss
Thoughts & Prayers.
Ray & Charlene Paradis

Ray Paradis - February 23, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ Boyd, my Dad, lived a life full of adventure up until his final year. And this makes me a lot less sad about his passing (at nearly 83). After his four years in the air force stationed in Alaska, he joined NASA as an engineer and helped design numerous components, some of which remain on the moon (and he added his initials to the interior of several of these that are still up there).

After the Apollo missions ended he then moved the family to central Australia to work at the "space base" for nearly a decade, a joint USA-Australian complex 40-miles outside town that's often called the Area 51 of Australia. While we lived there he bought a rugged Land Rover and explored the "outback" on multi-day excursions at least once a month. Such wonderful trips. And he photographed everything with his Nikon--1000's of photos back when it was still a world of expensive film cartridges.

Even after moving to Texas from Australia he stayed super active, climbing dozens of mountains (often on his own), and hiking all over the USA.

He was also a terrific father, helping me in any way he could to achieve my goals, like buying me an IBM PC within months of it coming out to allow me to teach myself coding.

Throughout his life he was a scuba instructor, a pilot, helped us get to the moon, he skydived, rode mountain bikes, kayaked, and after he retired he became a spin class instructor.

My dad was a true explorer of life. I learned so much from him. And I will miss him.

Scott Miller - February 23, 2020 at 05:41 PM