



Dr. Frank Richard Miller

January 30, 1935 - August 2, 2022

Dr. Frank Richard Miller had many loves – his family, his faith, his city– just to name a few. He shared a zest for life with everyone he met and a genuine curiosity in the friends yet to be made. Dr. Miller, 87, passed from this life on August 2, 2022. Frank was born in Hutchison, Kansas, to O.H. “Dick” Miller and Ed Louise Miller, on January 30, 1935. He spent his formative years in Blackwell, Oklahoma before graduating from Oklahoma State University in 1957 and Baylor College of Dentistry in 1961. Upon finishing dental school, Frank was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the US Navy to serve as a dental officer. He then completed a one-year internship of advanced training at Alameda Naval Hospital in San Francisco before reporting to the aircraft carrier, USS Ranger (CV-61) completing deployments to the eastern Pacific, including Japan and the coast of Vietnam. After a brief posting at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, he left active duty and joined the active reserves, where he continued to fill leadership roles before retiring as a Captain with 28 years of total service.

In 1965, Frank was quickly wooed by the charms of Rockwall. He established its first full-time dental practice just off the town square. Hometown has never had a truer meaning than it did to Frank. Throughout the next 50 years, he dedicated himself to making Rockwall the best city possible and was its most tireless advocate. Frank was key to the development of the community. His early commitment was exemplified by organizing and chairing the Rockwall Community Forum which led to his role as an original founder and Charter Chairman of the Rockwall County YMCA. He was Vice President and an enthusiastic member of the Rockwall Rotary Board of Directors. He understood the importance of city planning, economic development, and support for future generations. Frank was an active member of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce and the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation. He served Rockwall as a City Councilmember and three terms as Mayor from 1987 to 1993. He contributed to the betterment of young people as Vice President of the Rockwall School Board and member of the Guidance Advisory Council. He also served as the US Naval Academy Blue & Gold officer for Congressman Ralph Hall’s district, interviewing candidates for the Naval Academy.

Frank was a faithful and devoted member of First Christian Church Rockwall. Throughout the years, he served as Elder, Deacon, board member, Building Committee Chairman, Sunday School Teacher, Stephen Minister and Youth Sponsor. He has been honored as Elder Emeritus in recognition of his tireless commitment and spirit.

In his personal life, Frank was truly a positive life force. He was a mentor to many and a believer in the potential of every person. He put great value in the moments of life, big and small - especially the small daily opportunities to make others feel important and appreciated. Perhaps his philosophy is best expressed in the mission statement for his orthodontic practice: "As much as we work to create beautiful smiles, we strive to give each patient a reason to smile."

Frank is survived by his loving wife, Greta Jane Miller; children: Valerie Oliver and husband Jim and her children: Asa Yoakam and wife Katie, Dorothy Yoakam, and Beau Yoakam; Dr. Bart Miller and his children: Wyatt Miller, Grant Miller and Josie Miller; and great-granddaughter, Charlotte Miller; and Deanna Nussbaum and husband Forrest and their children: Ethan Nussbaum, Lily Nussbaum and Bowen Nussbaum; step-son: Jonathan Peck and his children: Aaron Peck and Dylan Peck; and nieces: Sheryl Hamilton and Darla Miller. He is preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn Dee Miller, brother, Jack Miller and niece, Carla Walsh.

The family sincerely appreciates American Home Care and Right at Home for adding comfort and joy to his last two years at home.

A gathering of loved ones and friends will take place on Tuesday evening, August 9, 2022, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at Rest Haven Funeral Home of Rockwall. A funeral service celebrating Frank's life will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, beginning at 1:00 PM at First Baptist Church of Rockwall, with Reverend Dr. Mark Irons officiating. Burial will follow the Wednesday services at Rockwall Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church Rockwall, 3375 Ridge Road, Rockwall, Texas 75032.

Cemetery Details

Rockwall Memorial Cemetery

409 W. Washington Street (Highway 66)
Rockwall, TX 75087

Previous Events

Gathering

AUG 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

The Gathering at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Location
2500 State Highway 66 East
Rockwall, TX 75087

Funeral Service

AUG 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
M. L. Jones Chapel
610 S. Goliad Street
Rockwall, TX 75087

Tribute Wall

PM

“ Dr. Miller was a wonderful scholar, gentleman and mentor during his service with the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation. He made considerable contributions to the City of Rockwall including his part in developing the Rockwall Technology Park. The residents and businesses of Rockwall all benefit from his leadership and wise decision making during his public service. May Frank rest in peace. Job well done! Pam Mundo

Pam Mundo - August 10 at 03:27 PM

GH

“ Our prayers and condolences have been with each of you during the past week and forward. A valued man of honor that was dedicated to family, friends, church, community, and country, will be missed and thought of often.

We met him through our daughter Holly as he “straightened” her teeth and introduced us to Rockwall history via the converted railroad depot turned dental office. Such a kind, gentle, fun-loving soul.

We knew him as Mayor Miller and the years he guided the council and city staff to improve Rockwall.

Years passed and in retirement, we were reintroduced to he and Greta at the local diners for a hot lunch. Our grand daughter Lively struck up a conversation with them and a friendship began. Lively loved them and had a story for them at each shared visit. It was no task to establish a quick relationship, as Greta was so sweet, kind, and patient with “Doc” after his health declined. What an inspiration and example both of them were; so dedicated to one another-and friendly to everyone.

May God’s love comfort and console you knowing you will meet again. Our love and offerings of sympathy remain with you.

*Gill & Louise Henson
Holly & Lively*

Gill&Louise Henson - August 08 at 11:29 PM

KN

“ I started seeing Dr. Miller when he was downtown, and finished when he moved to the new place! I spent several hours and days in his chairs while he gave me my perfect smile! He always had a great smile and will be missed by so many. God bless your family.

Kathleen Nuytten - August 08 at 12:34 PM

TC

“ I was Dr. Miller's dental assistant for several years and he was my mentor. He was a special part of my life.
Toni Cookston

Toni Cookston - August 07 at 03:22 AM

AL

“ Oh Dr. Miller... I hope my Bailey greeted you with a big toothy smile! ❤️

Amanda Long - August 07 at 12:04 AM

RC

“ I have many good memories of conversations with Frank during the first years of my academic career at Baylor. He was a great supporter of the Orthodontic Graduate Program. It was a pleasure to have known him and to have had Bart as a resident in the same program many years later. My deepest condolences to your family during this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Richard Ceen

Richard Ceen - August 06 at 09:46 PM

LD

“ The Mitchell family was one of Dr. Miller's first patients in Rockwall when his office was in downtown Rockwall right behind where Zanata is now. Years later he put braces on our two boys. Always kind, always professional. A great man.

Linda Mitchell Duran

Linda M Duran - August 06 at 12:05 PM

LS

“ Dr. Miller put my daughter's braces on a million years ago, and my wife's braces on 2 million years ago...He was always so kind, encouraging, and thoughtful. He made his patients feel like they were his favorite. God bless Dr. Miller and all of his family and friends.

Larry Stevenson - August 05 at 11:49 AM

BC

“ *Such sad news. Frank was an outstanding dentist and, even more, an outstanding leader in Rockwall. His years as our Mayor were vital to what Rockwall has become. Prayers for his family and friends.*

Bob Cotti - August 04 at 09:25 PM

NH

“ *Dr. Miller was such a good doctor and so kind. He was a true blessing to our family. Your family is in our prayers.*

Nancy Harris - August 04 at 03:36 PM