



Michael E. Miller

July 17, 1942 - July 15, 2023

Rye Beach - Michael E. Miller, 80, passed peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends on July 15th, 2023. He was a long-time resident of Rye Beach, NH. He was pre-deceased by his father, Chester, mother, Kate, and brother, Richard. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Marilyn, daughter, Jennifer, son Marc and his wife Gina, sisters Suzanne, Melissa, Michelle and Nancy, and stepmother Miiko; two nephews John and Christopher, as well as two grandchildren, Michael and Amber, and three great-grandsons, Roman, Owen, and Liam.

Mike graduated from Rollins College in 1964 and enlisted in the United States Air Force. He opted out of an instructor position to go to Vietnam, where he flew 100 missions over route pack six, the most heavily defended area of North Vietnam. His squadron, the 11th TRS, drew heavy losses during operation Rolling Thunder, but he survived. His next duty station was RAF Alconbury, where his father had also been stationed during World War II. There he met his wife Marilyn and his daughter Jennifer was born. After being reassigned to Westover AFB, Massachusetts, to fly KC-135's, his family unit was completed with the birth of his son, Marc. Mike was then stationed at Pease AFB in Portsmouth, NH, where he established roots in the local community. Mike attained the rank of Lt. Col. and retired from the Air Force in 1988.

Next, Mike enjoyed a new career in commercial aviation, flying for Pan American Airways on the Eastern European Route, based out of West Berlin, West Germany. He experienced firsthand the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the reunification of Germany. Sadly, Pan American ceased operations in 1991, after which Michael flew for several other commercial carriers, ending his flying career with Midway Airlines in 2002.

Upon retirement, his passion for aviation, history and travel continued. Mike and Marilyn travelled extensively, meeting up with family and friends in exciting new places around the globe. He remained an avid reader and constantly scrolled through his computer seeking out new factoids about the world.

As his health deteriorated, his great desire was to spend his remaining time at home. The family was able to honor this wish with the fantastic aid of the team at Rockingham VNA. If you wish, please make a donation in his memory to:
Rockingham VNA & Hospice, 137 Epping Road, Exeter, NH 03833

There will be a private celebration of his life in the fall.

He will be missed.

Tribute Wall

GB

“ *Mike's passing is a very sad loss of a great and valued friend. I valued our friendship and will always cherish the memories our times together in Berlin, New Hampshire, and Washington.*

Gary Beard

Gary Beard - August 11, 2023 at 02:40 PM

RC

“ *To the Miller Family,
Wishing you comfort at this time.
Mike and I flew many missions and trips overseas. I have fond memories of each time the flight schedule paired us up.....because I knew I was going to fly with a kind friend and exceptional pilot.
Condolences.*

ROGER CLEMENTS - August 09, 2023 at 08:18 AM

RA

“ *So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I have many fond memories of flying with Mike in the Air National Guard, literally around the world. From flights here at home, to Europe and Wake Island, Mike was a great crewmember – easy going, confident, a mentor. He will be remembered by many. With sincere condolences.*

Rob Anderson

Rob Anderson - August 05, 2023 at 08:19 PM

CN

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Mike was a well respected pilot and always a pleasure to fly with. He served his country well and will be missed.

Chris Nevins - August 01, 2023 at 08:34 PM

TB

“ Dear Marilyn and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss! There are many fond memories of flights and trips with Mike in the Air Force and Air National Guard. Mike gave me a small piece of concrete from the Berlin Wall that he brought back when he was flying for Pan Am that has been on my desk for 30+ years so I've thought of him often.
Again, our condolences.

Tom & Carole Bunting - July 31, 2023 at 03:51 PM

EG

“ So sorry for your loss. I flew my very first trip in the NHANG with Mike to Oahu, as well as many other flights. He was a pleasure to work with. An interesting, well travelled man.
Fondly,
Ellen Garvey

Ellen Garvey - July 31, 2023 at 01:33 PM

MF

“ Mitch and family, I'm sorry to learn this. Love & strength

Metivier Family - July 30, 2023 at 12:10 PM

WD

“ So sorry to hear this my friend, RIP, Prayers to your family.

william f davidson - July 30, 2023 at 10:37 AM