



James R. Miller Jr.

June 15, 1931 - June 25, 2014

James R. Miller, Jr., a former state delegate from Montgomery County who spent 16 years as a federal judge in Baltimore, died from congestive heart failure on June 25, 2014, at Heartfields in Easton, MD. Judge Miller, a resident of Boca Grande, FL, maintained a summer home in St. Michaels. He was 83.

James Rogers Miller, Jr., was born in Sandy Spring, Montgomery County, MD, on June 15, 1931. He grew up in Rockville, MD. Following his years at Landon School, he attended Wesleyan University, graduating in 1953 with a bachelor's degree. Two years later, he earned his law degree from Georgetown University.

The same year he received his law degree, Judge Miller joined his father and stepmother, James and Lee Miller, in private practice in Rockville. While a member of the firm that came to be known as Miller, Miller & Canby, he began his long career of public service, including stints as president of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce and president of the Bar Association of Montgomery County. Judge Miller served a single term in the Maryland House of Delegates, from 1962-1966. He did not seek re-election but continued in public service instead as a member of the Governor's Commission on the Reorganization of the Government of Maryland under Gov. Spiro T. Agnew.

He also chaired the Montgomery County Republican Central Committee and, in 1968, worked as an executive in the New York headquarters of the Nixon-

Agnew presidential campaign; two years earlier, he had served as the Montgomery County chair for Mr. Agnew's successful gubernatorial campaign.

In September of 1970, Miller was nominated by President Richard M. Nixon to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. When he was sworn in as a federal judge in November 1970 at the age of 39, Judge Miller became the youngest federal judge in the country.

"Judge Miller was an outstanding and brilliant jurist," said U.S. District Judge Ellen L. Hollander, who clerked for Judge Miller in the 1970's. "He tirelessly and skillfully pursued the just resolution of every case. He had an unwavering commitment to the rule of law and an uncompromising integrity."

Judge Miller retired from the bench in December 1986 and moved with his wife, the former Jo Anne Trice, to their home in Bozman. There they enjoyed sailing and entertaining family and friends.

In 1991, Judge Miller rejoined Miller, Miller & Canby in an "of counsel" capacity and built a nationally known reputation as a mediator and arbitrator. He was highly regarded for his ability to understand, clarify and rule on complex, multimillion-dollar business disputes.

Shortly after the death of his wife of 49 years, Jo Anne, in August 2006, Judge Miller retired from the firm. He returned to his home in St. Michaels and, soon afterwards, established another home in Boca Grande, FL. In the ensuing years, he spent much of his time traveling and being with his family.

Judge Miller is survived by his sons, James R. Miller, III, of Ellicott City and Andrew C. Miller and his fiancée Jackie Kinney of Preston; and two daughters, Merrie H. Delauder (Jim) of Easton and Katherine T.M. Goldberg (Steve) of Greenwich, CT. He is also survived by his loving companion of

more than seven years, Patricia L. Chapman of Boca Grande and Doylestown, PA; and by a brother, Thomas C. Miller of Vero Beach, FL; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on July 15 at Bozman United Methodist Church, 9788 Bozman-Neavitt Road in Bozman. A reception at the Miles River Yacht Club, 24750 Yacht Club Rd, St. Michaels, will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Michaels Community Center, 1110 S. Talbot St., St. Michaels, MD 21663 or the Friends of the Boca Grande Community Center, P.O. Box 1222, Boca Grande, FL 33921.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 15. 11:30 AM (ET)

Bozman United Methodist Church
Bozman, MD

Reception

JUL 15 (ET)

Miles River Yacht Club
24750 Yacht Club Drive
St. Michaels, MD

Tribute Wall



“ James R. Miller Jr.

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ James R. Miller Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ James R. Miller Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The death of a loved one is the most difficult thing we deal with. I wanted to take this time to express my condolences to you for your loss. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's word the Bible. (Psalms 83:18) The Bible promises: "there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous." (Acts 24:15) Jehovah God assures us that our dear loved ones will receive a resurrection to a restored beautiful paradise earth. The Bible also promises: "And the last enemy, death, is to be brought to nothing." (1Corinthians 15:26) Death will be removed from all the earth. Tears of sorrow will vanish. (Revelation 21:4) No one will die from natural causes or weep. These are promises that will soon be a reality. The Bible plainly states: "It is impossible for God to lie." (Hebrews 6:18) May you find comfort from these promises. And may Jehovah God of all comfort be with you. (2Corinthians 1:3,4)*

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