



Marshall Stuart Miller

March 24, 1943 - January 20, 2019

Bluefield, W.Va. --- Marshall Stuart Miller, age 75, lost his battle with Alzheimer's disease on the early morning hours of Sunday, January 20, 2019. Alzheimer's disease is called "the long goodbye" and that it was, but we are comforted knowing that Marshall is healed and now remembers all those he loved so dearly.

Marshall knew at a young age that his life's work would be in geology. Growing up in Bluefield, West Virginia in a family of die-hard Mountaineer fans, he decided to attend West Virginia University to study geology. He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in Geology in 1966 and 1973. He was also awarded an honorary doctorate degree (Ph.D.) from WVU on May 13, 2006 with a group that included basketball great Jerry West who was one of his all-time favorite basketball players.

In 1967, Marshall launched his professional career with Schlumberger Well Services, located in Illinois. Two years later, Marshall became a research coordinator with the Virginia Division of Mineral Resources in Charlottesville, Virginia and published research studies about fuel and mineral resources. In 1974, he returned to his hometown in Bluefield as a fuels geologist for Pocahontas Land Corporation of the Norfolk Southern Railway. He recognized a void in coal exploration practices in the southern coalfields and realized that he could fill that void. He formed his own company in 1975, Geological Consulting Services and later renamed Marshall Miller & Associates, Inc (MM&A). He authored over 25 professional publications on geophysical,

geological and engineering topics. Some of his recognitions consisted of being listed among the “Top 500 Engineering Design Firms” in the U.S. by ENR Magazine; selected as a Panelist and Outside Advisor to the United States Geological Survey; recognized in 1993 by Ernst & Young, Inc. Magazine and Merrill Lynch, as Entrepreneur of the year in the Mid-Atlantic Region; selected to the West Virginia Coal Hall of Fame; recognized by WVU for the Distinguished Alumni Professional Achievement Award; and given the National Distinguished Member Award from the Society of Mining Engineers. Marshall also served on many boards including: Bluefield Regional Medical Center; First Century Bank; PEMCO Corporation; Flat Top Insurance Company; West Virginia University Foundation; West Virginia Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, and the Eastern Mineral Law Foundation. As a result, many organizations competed for his time, but he managed to pursue certain passions, becoming a licensed instrumental pilot, and playing golf and tennis with family and good friends.

Marshall was preceded in death by his parents Bernice and Harold Miller, and brothers Frazier and Randy.

Marshall is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sharon Hofeling Miller; daughter Tracy Miller Hash and her husband John, granddaughter Madison Stuart Paine; brother Harold Lee and wife Ellen, sister-in-law Phyllis Miller; nephews, H. Lee Miller, III and wife Joanna, Frazier (Buddy) Miller, Jr., and Greg Miller and his wife Ashley, niece Dr. Barbara Miller Gaither and her husband Dr. Kenn Gaither, and numerous great nieces and nephews. In addition to his family, he is also survived by extended family and friends, and the many employees that he cared so passionately about.

He was quoted in the West Virginia University Alumni Magazine in the Fall of 2004 as saying “I have been very blessed and I can say that I have lived my dream. I don’t think there is one thing I would have changed.”

Visitation and funeral services will be held at Bland Street United Methodist Church, Bluefield, W.Va., on April 13, 2019. The visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. followed by a “Celebration of Life” will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of Flowers the Miller Family wishes donations to be made to any of the following organizations:

- Marshall Miller Foundation in care of Summit Community Bank,
500 Federal Street, Bluefield, WV 24701, Attn: Julie Johnson

- Marshall Miller Scholarship Fund:

payable to The Community Foundation of the Virginia's, Inc.

128 North Street, P.O. Box 4127, Bluefield, WV 24701

- Memory Matters

P.O. Box 22330 Hilton Head, SC 29926

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Marshall Stuart Miller.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bland Street United Methodist Church
Bland Road
Bluefield, WV

Celebration of Life

APR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Bland Road
Bluefield, WV

Tribute Wall



“ *Marshall Stuart Miller*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Marshall was one of the finest individuals I was lucky enough to work and have fun with. He was gentle, smart, savvy and so much fun to be around. I knew him best before his illness set in and luckily will always remember him when he was living his life to the fullest. Love to his family from John and Carol Coates*

John-Mark Coates - October 21, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ *Since early 1996, when I first met Marshall, I found a passionate, knowledgeable and honest individual that would impact my life in many ways. His industry insights, his interaction with MM&A employees and clients, his warm smile and friendly demeanor identified an individual of unique character. I enjoyed working with and knowing Marshall over those many years. I regret not being able to attend the Celebration of His Life but remain committed to his approach to life and the people he allowed to share in it. With Deepest Condolences, John E. Feddock.*

John E. Feddock - April 12, 2019 at 05:33 PM



“ *Sharon, Marshall was my suite mate freshman year. 40 years later I got to serve with him on Foundation Board. He was a class act always. My best to you and family. You have my deepest sympathy. Doug Van Scoy*

Doug Van Scoy - February 27, 2019 at 05:53 PM

AV

“ *Angela Vincent lit a candle in memory of Marshall Stuart Miller*



Angela Vincent - February 11, 2019 at 12:34 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Tracy Hash - February 08, 2019 at 02:00 PM

TC

“ *For many reasons Marshall was and remains the driving force that brought me to West Virginia and West Virginia University.*

Tim Carr

Tim Carr - February 07, 2019 at 08:52 AM

DK

“ *You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May Marshall Rest In Peace. Love, Donna Kelly*

Donna Kelly - February 06, 2019 at 10:54 PM

SM

Thank you for all of your kind words.

Sharon Miller - April 27, 2019 at 09:19 AM