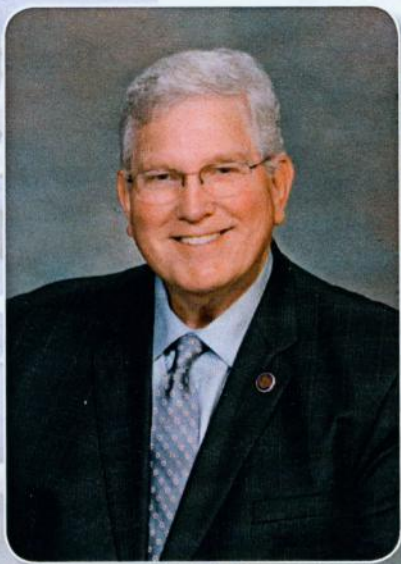


In Loving Memory



SENATOR JOHN MILLER

December 9, 1947 - April 4, 2016

April 8, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church Denbigh
3628 Campbell Road
Newport News, Virginia

Senator John Miller, 68, passed away on Monday April 4, 2016. A lifelong public servant and advocate for children and education, John was also a much loved husband, father, and grandfather who left an indelible footprint on this earth.

Born in Bryn Mawr, PA, John grew up in Chicago and graduated from Northern Illinois University. He then moved to Hampton Roads where he began his career in journalism with WVEC-13. During his 18 year tenure, he held a variety of roles including reporter, anchor, and news director. His weekly documentary news program, Focus, earned several national awards.

Following his career in broadcast journalism, John served as a top aide in the United States Senate to Senator Paul Trible. Upon returning to Hampton Roads and WVEC-13, he and Sandra Parker greeted the region daily on Good Morning Hampton Roads. He also held key administrative positions with public broadcasting station WHRO and Christopher Newport University.

John was elected to the Virginia State Senate in 2007 and worked tirelessly to ensure that every child in Virginia receives the best education possible. He led the General Assembly in reducing the number of SOL tests and most recently carried successful legislation to redesign high school education to better prepare students to be a part of the 21st century workforce. He earned the "Solid as a Rock" award from The Virginia Education Association for his commitment to public education and was named "Policymaker of the Year" by the Association for Career and Technical Education. The Virginia State Reading Association also honored John by naming him their "Friend of Literacy" and he is the only legislator to have received this award twice. He was also devoted to improving senior citizens' voting rights, bi-partisan redistricting, and enhancing veterans' quality of life.

In addition to John's accomplishments in the General Assembly, he was equally impactful in his community. He was a past president of Peninsula READS, which provides literacy skills necessary for adults to function more effectively in their lives and community. John was also a member of numerous boards and committees. Some of these include the FoodBank of the Virginia Peninsula, the Newport News Youth Commission, the Downtown Hampton Child Development Center, the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth, and People to People, an organization dedicated to improving race relations in Newport News.

One of his most rewarding endeavors was his two decades as an umpire for the Warwick Little League. Although his strike zone was small, it was consistent, and he was as respected on the diamond as he was everywhere else.

John is survived by his beloved wife and partner, Sharron; daughter, Jenny Kitchen and husband Mark Brockway of Potomac, MD; son, John Miller and wife, Mary Peyton; grandson, Isaac of Houston, TX; mother, Yvonne DuChateau of Morton Grove, IL; sisters, Joan Miller of Green Oaks, IL and Lisa Ross and husband, Steve of Sycamore, IL; brother, Robert of Chicago, IL; sister and brother in law, Beth and Gary Walls of Newport News, VA; brother and sister in law, Jim and Corrie Crickenberger of Monkton, MD; mother in law, Betty Crickenberger of Newport News, VA, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation
<http://www.vecf.org/home/about/about-the-vecf.aspx> or Peninsula READS
<http://www.peninsulareads.com>. Arrangements by Weymouth Funeral Home.

In Loving Tribute

MUSICAL PRELUDEHow Great Thou Art, Choir

PROCESSIONAL Clergy and Family

HYMN OF COMFORT Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament – Psalms 23..... Nicole Paffrath

New Testament – John 14:1-6Mary Peyton Miller

PRAYER OF COMFORT Rev. Dr. Derek Ross

REFLECTIONS

Jenny Kitchen

John Miller

Doug Sesny

The Honorable Ralph Northam, Lt. Governor of Virginia

His Excellency, Terence McAuliffe, Governor of Virginia

MUSICAL SELECTION Amazing Grace, Choir

CELEBRATION MESSAGE Pastor Ivan T. Harris
and Minister Sylvia Harris

MUSICAL POSTLUDE The Battle Hymn of the Republic

RECESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family, and Friends

INTERMENT

Peninsula Memorial Park



May Today There Be Peace Within
ST. TERESA OF AVILA

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received,
and pass on the love that has been given to you...
May you be content knowing you are a child of God...
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul
the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.
It is there for each and everyone of us.

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