



## Donald Franklin Miller Jr.

July 2, 2022

Donald F. Miller, 66, passed away on July 2, 2022 in Hackensack, New Jersey.

Don was raised in Tenafly, NJ, the oldest of six children. He was a devoted son to Dolores and Don Miller, and a loving and loyal brother to his sister Denise and brothers, Doug, Dave, Dwight, and Drew.

After graduating from Tenafly High School, he attended Villanova University. There he majored in political science and, in his senior year, was president of student government.

He then attended Seton Hall University School of Law, where he met Nancy. He graduated in 1981 and they married in 1983. He both practiced law and raised his family in Bergen County.

Don loved history and music, and even before Google had mastered all trivia on World War II and Bob Dylan, whom he saw in concert more than 50 times. He was a life-long and almost-always-suffering New York Mets fan and Democrat.

Throughout each chapter of his life, he made life-long friends and treasured each one. His family and friends will miss him very much.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Miller, his children, Thomas and his wife Megan MacDonald, Donald and his wife Aimee Clarke, and Elizabeth and her husband Harrison Gaa, and five beautiful granddaughters, Eliza, Winifred, Matilda, Natalie, and Autumn, his mother Dolores Miller and his siblings, in-laws, and 36 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father and

grandparents.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Tenafly, NJ on July 7, 2022 at 10:00AM, followed by interment at George Washington Memorial Park in Paramus, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research ([www.lustgarten.org](http://www.lustgarten.org)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home  
148 Dean Dr  
Tenafly, NJ 07670  
(201) 568-8043  
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Mass

JUL 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Carmel RC Church  
10 County Rd  
Tenafly, NJ 07670

## Interment

JUL 7 (ET)

George Washington Memorial Park  
234 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ Nancy - I hope Don will be the "Angel in the Outfield" as the Mets winning season continues and he carries them on to the World Series!

Mary Keenan - August 07, 2022 at 07:02 AM

MK

“ Nancy, I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I remember what a great study partner he was to me at Seton Hall and how much fun I had at your wedding. He was so proud of all your children and loved you, them and all the grandchildren. He sent me videos through the DM as they grew. I know his memory will live on in them. God Bless you and all of them! Love, Mary

Mary Keenan - August 07, 2022 at 06:56 AM

AS

“ Nancy I am so sorry for the loss of your life partner and Dad to your children. I met Don at least once on election duty in Bergen County when I was a DAG and recall him as an honest and very funny lawyer. May God provide comfort and peace to you and family. Al Stephens

Alan Stephens - July 12, 2022 at 06:28 PM

CB

“ My deepest condolences to one of my favorite Mackay families. May the comfort of wonderful memories and your faith in our Lord bring you peace at this time. Carolyn Kunz-Burdy

Carolyn Burdy - July 07, 2022 at 10:55 AM

SM

“ *Don was a true friend and wise advisor for over thirty years. His friendship plus his intelligence made him a worthy adversary for those in the profession. Did me it was so comforting that he was on my side. I will miss him.*

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**Steven Maroti** - July 06, 2022 at 09:10 PM

“ Tribute to my Mentor, Donald Miller

*Don and I had a friendship for 47 years .  
From the first week at Villanova Don identified that I was a Linear Thinker whereas Don was the ultimate Lateral Thinker.  
Don looked at issues in a 360 matter . I am a numbers guy in a straight line . John G, Anthony C. Joe P, Art D , Bud W are eloquent and articulate...  
I am the Linear Thinker friend...  
I will try my best as Don used to say as “ A graduate of VU C&F known as Comics and Frolics”  
to tell you about the man Donald Miller.*

*Donald Miller my Villanova Roommate and Friend for 47 years passed on this week. Don was my Mentor . I considered Don a Brother .  
I met Don on September 5, 1975 and my life changed from that date on . Within a minute of meeting Don I knew I had met a very special human being .  
Don was an genius who had the ability to speak with everyone from all walks of life . Don had an unique ability to tell a story and make you laugh.  
He had a sophisticated sense of humor .*

*We bonded within hours of meeting talking about American History . Don was an American History Scholar. Don deeply care about America.*

*Don was a lifelong Democrat having attended President Kennedy ‘s funeral with his family . For many years I ran his tribute to JFK on my FB page.*

*Don was a lifelong fan of Bob Dylan .  
Don could tell you every song Dylan ever recorded having seen Dylan over 50 times in concert .*

*Don helped me in so many ways in my career over the 47 years .  
He was always there for me as my Mentor and Coach.*

*Don was a wonderful husband , Father and grandfather .  
Don was so proud of his children and being a grandfather .  
Very conversation he said he was so lucky to have a family. I spoke  
this past Father's Day. Don loved his Family .*

*Don is in Heaven . He did not have to “ Knock on Heaven’s Door”  
Don got an EZ Pass into Heaven . RIP , Bro old buddy .  
We will NEVER forget you.  
Vincent “ Vinnie” Caprio*

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**Vincent Caprio** - July 06, 2022 at 02:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Donald Franklin Miller Jr..*



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July 06, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for  
the family of Donald Franklin Miller Jr..*



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July 06, 2022 at 10:42 AM

FA

“ *From All of Us at Calhoun Hall Assoc. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Franklin Miller Jr..*



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**From All of Us at Calhoun Hall Assoc.** - July 06, 2022 at 09:45 AM

HJ

“ *Howard J Woods Jr purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Franklin Miller Jr..*



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**Howard J Woods Jr** - July 06, 2022 at 09:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Franklin Miller Jr..*



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July 06, 2022 at 09:13 AM

JP

“ I have lost a beautiful friend. I have so many memories of Don, starting from Villanova, our law clerk days in Passaic County, right through to the present day. He was absolutely brilliant; whatever he said about law or politics, I simply took as gospel. He talked about his family all the time. He was so proud of all of you. Brenda and I send our sincerest condolences to the entire Miller family. We will miss him.

Joe Portelli

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Joe Portelli - July 05, 2022 at 10:53 PM

AC

“ Donald you were my best friend, and as good a friend as there ever could be. You offered so many your wisdom, character, and your life's lessons. As you said many times to me "I have had a good life....I am blessed." And indeed, you were a tower of strength for your family, and many more. As the hymn says "the strife is or the battle done, the victory of life is won." May the Lord grant peace, strength and solace at this time to Nancy, your children and families, your Mom, and the rest of the Miller family. Rest In Peace Donald.

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Anthony L. Ciuffreda - July 05, 2022 at 09:05 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Franklin Miller Jr..



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July 05, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Franklin Miller Jr..*



July 05, 2022 at 08:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald Franklin Miller Jr..*



July 05, 2022 at 08:45 PM



“ *Laurie Delli Bovi Arbeit lit a candle in memory of Donald Franklin Miller Jr.*



**Laurie Delli Bovi Arbeit** - July 05, 2022 at 08:43 PM



“ *Tony and Alicia Ciuffreda and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donald Franklin Miller Jr..*



**Tony and Alicia Ciuffreda and Family** - July 05, 2022 at 08:38 PM

BC

“ I am blessed and grateful to have known Don. Rest easy, dear friend. Prayers for peace and comfort for Nancy and the whole Miller family.

Barbara Carns - July 05, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Franklin Miller Jr..



July 05, 2022 at 06:57 PM

AD

“ One of my oldest and dearest friends. I'll miss our election day talks and hearing all about your family. I'll never forget you, my friend. Rest easy.

Art Donato - July 05, 2022 at 05:55 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Franklin Miller Jr..



July 05, 2022 at 05:47 PM

TW

“ *Don't worry Don, what's said at lunch..... ha.  
See you buddy, love TWINKS*



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**Twinks** - July 05, 2022 at 05:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Donald Franklin Miller Jr..*



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July 05, 2022 at 05:00 PM

LB

“ *Lois and Michael Berlowitz purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Donald Franklin Miller Jr..*



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**Lois and Michael Berlowitz** - July 05, 2022 at 04:56 PM

RP

“ *Nancy and family--my sincere prayers for Don and you all. I will remeber him especially this Sunday at Mass in Toms River. I pray that his entrance into everlasting life be as wonderful as is promised. Rev. Ed Reading, Ph.D., LCADC*

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**Rev. Edward Reading, PhD** - July 05, 2022 at 03:33 PM

JF

“ To the Miller family , the Feeney family are so saddened by the recent tragic loss of your beloved Dan. He with Nancy by his side fought the good fight as committed WARRIORS should. My words nor thoughts for your personal bereavement could not attempt to quell your sadness. Thus, I defer to William Shakespeare's Macbeth Act 5 Scene 8( as Bobby Kennedy did when eulogizing his brother Jack) -your cause of sorrow must not be measured by his worth, for then it hath no end.

The Feeney Clan are aware of your sorrows. May your grieving that he is no more be quelled by the thankfulness that he was. We will continue to pray for you all and Dan's soul. Keep the faith and GOD bless the Miller family

John Feeney DDS

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**JOHN FEENEY** - July 05, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Donald Franklin Miller Jr..



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July 05, 2022 at 03:02 PM

SD

“ Dearest Nancy & family—  
With such sorrow for your loss- but may his memory be a blessing for you always.

Sandra Dick

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**Sandra Dick** - July 05, 2022 at 02:55 PM

MM

“ Dearest Miller Family. With Deepest sorrows. We are so saddened by the loss of a fantastic person and friend. You couldn't help but be drawn into a conversation with Donald. Wise and quick witted and always entertaining. We miss him already. Michele and Steve Maroti

michele maroti - July 05, 2022 at 02:39 PM

VC

“ Nancy, Tom, Don, Liz, and family, my deepest condolences to you. Don was the most special man and the strongest person I know, and I will miss him dearly. Sending you all love ❤️

Victoria Cominos - July 05, 2022 at 02:26 PM

RF

“ Nancy, my condolences to you and your family. Thinking of you and wishing you strength. I'm so very sorry.

Roxanne Fattori - July 05, 2022 at 01:57 PM

KC

“ Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers as you move through this very difficult time.

Kathleen Cefalu - July 05, 2022 at 01:23 PM

LO

“ LGCCC, 124 Halsey St Newark NJ 07111 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Franklin Miller Jr..



LGCCC, 124 Halsey St Newark NJ 07111 - July 05, 2022 at 01:07 PM

AL

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your husband. You are in my thoughts and prayers Nancy.*

Ashlee Lynch - July 05, 2022 at 12:56 PM

ST

“ *Our Heartfelt condolences to the loss. May God give you strength and courage to overcome this very difficult time.*

*Sally & Raj*

Salikutty Thomas - July 05, 2022 at 12:49 PM



MC

“ *My deepest sympathies during this difficult time.*

Milagros Collazo - July 05, 2022 at 12:34 PM



NZ

“ *My deepest sympathies in your time of sorrow.*

Nancy Zecca - July 05, 2022 at 12:25 PM





“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Franklin Miller Jr..*



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July 05, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ *Maureen Quinn lit a candle in memory of Donald Franklin Miller Jr.*



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**Maureen Quinn** - July 05, 2022 at 10:55 AM



*Nancy and Family, May the lord give you strength during this difficult time. My prayers and thoughts are with you and the family*

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**Paula Benson** - July 05, 2022 at 05:43 PM



*Nancy and Family: Words do not begin to express how sad we are to learn of Don's passing. We cannot imagine the pain you're going through. Don was an incredible person who we will miss incredibly.*

*Please let us know if we can do anything for you.*

*Michael, Marisa, Sophia, and Andrew Meyer*

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**Michael, Marisa, Sophia and Andrew Meyer** - July 06, 2022 at 11:01 AM