



Timothy James Miller

September 19, 1961 - April 11, 2020

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Tim Miller, age 58, of Chicago, Illinois passed away on April 11, 2020 after a short battle with cancer.

Tim was born September 19, 1961 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania to David and Virginia (Alm) Miller. His sisters, DeeDee and Janet were born there too. When he was six years old the family moved to Buffalo, New York; his sister Krissy was born there.

Another family move took Tim to Detroit, Michigan – the Motor City. As a teenager, Tim enjoyed the big city life – mostly concerts and cars. After high school, Tim enlisted in the United States Air Force. He trained to be a heavy equipment operator and was stationed at Eielson Air Force Base in Fairbanks, Alaska. He spent four years of active duty in “the great land.”

Tim always had a great sense of duty and an incredible work ethic. Those qualities have been exemplified repeatedly in his life. Tim left Alaska when family duty and obligation called after his father passed away. Being the oldest, he took charge, moving the family to Chicago, and ended up staying there permanently to help care for his mother.

He was a no-nonsense, blue collar, hard-working guy. His career as a long haul truck driver took him around the country on endless road trips, and on those trips he touched many peoples’ lives – visiting old friends and family

wherever he had a chance to. He became a trainer and earned 1999 Truck Driver of the Year for A.N. Webber, Inc.

Tim also enlisted in the Army Reserves and proudly continued to serve his country for 20 years. He was deployed to Kuwait as part of Unit 863rd EN BN Det 2 in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2006-07. Staff Sergeant Miller or “Sarg” provided training, mentorship, leadership, and service to his fellow soldiers and maintained a strong commitment to all and in everything he did. He was the type of guy that would give you the shirt off his back. He never asked for anything in return. He had a small circle of friends and was loyal to the core. In recent years, Tim has been the neighborhood handyman, long distance mechanic, and caregiver to anyone in need. He was a faithful companion and dog walker extraordinaire to the family pets – Katie, Rusty and Sebastian. Tim loved to fish. Growing up, the family spent many vacations in Northern Wisconsin and he still enjoyed putting a pole in the water with the hopes of catching a walleye or bass. His last view was of the Iroquois River.

He is survived by his mother Virginia Miller, sisters DeeDee (Steve) Caciari, Janet (Ed) Lynch, and Krissy (Joel) Liberatore, as well as nieces and nephews Kelly, Shelly, and Edward Lynch and Vinnie Caciari. He was preceded in death by his father, Pastor David Miller.

Special thanks to Kelly and Dan Frey, long-time friends who treated him like a brother and made him a part of their family. In Tim’s last days, they provided him with gentle care and comfort.

Tim’s interment will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

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“ Oh Tim... Thanks for visiting me in my dreams. I think of you often. So grateful I got to spend time with you in the end. Shit, even on your death bed you didn't want small talk or emotional good byes.... But I gave you a hug and a kiss anyway.... You're a part of everything i do. 🙏🙏🙏

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“ Myself and Tim served together in Kankakee when he left the service I was giving his position. Tim has had so many moments I'm not sure one could narrow it down to one or two? This much is known by most who knew him well. When he was passionate about something, and if it was not going as he wished behind then seen he would at times have a hiss-e fit. Then he would leave the tent like all was well and he had no problems. That to me was another great talent that he possessed and I was unable to mimic. Tim's passion and drive to success along with his incredible thirst for coffee drove him to be one of the best leaders I had ever served with. Tim will be missed by many but never forgot by me. My friend sleep well and enjoy no pain until we meet again god bless and be well.

Sincerely Yours
SGT. K

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