



## Dr. Evan Eugene "Gene" Miller

December 10, 1928 - October 9, 2019

Dr. Evan Eugene "Gene" Miller, 90 of Grand Island died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

Services will be at 11 AM Monday at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Reverend Kelly Karges will officiate. Military honors will be rendered by the U.S. Army and United Veterans Honor Guard. Burial will be at 2 PM Monday in the Greenwood Cemetery at York.

Visitation will be an hour before service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to either Trinity United Methodist Church, the Lions Club or the Salvation Army. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Gene was born December 10, 1928, to Evan and Vera (Robertson) Miller. He was raised on the family farm near Benedict, Nebraska, the youngest of three boys. He graduated from Benedict High School class of 1946.

Gene married his wife Phyllis Sjogren in 1955. They celebrated 64 years of marriage this past June. This union was blessed with children, Clark, Lynne and Daniel. To his family, Gene was a loving husband, dad, grandpa and great-papa.

Gene valued education, both for himself and others. He earned his Bachelor's

in Education from York College (1950) and both his Master's of Education (1957) and Doctorate of Education (1963) from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Gene's teaching and coaching career began in Genoa in 1950. Gene served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. After the Korean War, Gene resumed his career as school administrator in Stanton from 1953-58 and Ord from 1958-62. He then served at Grand Island Senior High for 20 years, first as Assistant Principal from 1962-64 and then Principal from 1964-82. Later, he served as the GIPS Community Education Administrator from 1982-91. He also taught post-graduate secondary school administration courses at Kearney State College during the summers for 13 years.

Gene was very active in local, state, and national educational communities and served as an officer on numerous professional boards. Most notably, he was elected by his peers to serve as President of the National Association of Secondary School Principals from 1977-79. A tremendous supporter of school activities, Gene was honored by the Nebraska School Activities Association for 25 years of service in its Representative Assembly.

Gene was also active in the community throughout his life. He was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir. He served on the Salvation Army Board, participated actively in the Lions Club, and for 18 years led local efforts to support the Shrine Circus. Gene enjoyed attending community concerts and local sporting events with family and friends.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Phyllis; children, Clark (Tammy) Miller of Chicago, Lynne Miller of Springfield, MO and Daniel (Romana) Miller of Washington, D.C.; grandchildren, Bart (Amy) Miller, Luke (Alyssa) Miller, Leah (Michael) Olivier and Grant Miller and great-grandchildren, Barret,

Gunner, Jordyn and Myles.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Evan and Vera and his two brothers, Hollis and Kenneth.

## Cemetery Details

### **Greenwood Cemetery**

York, NE

## Previous Events

### **Celebration of Life Service**

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
511 N. Elm Street  
Grand Island, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Evan Eugene "Gene" Miller*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Evan Eugene "Gene" Miller.*



October 16, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ *Phyllis, Sorry to hear about Gene's passing. Janie P called to tell me about it this morning. Our paths crossed seldom since GHS, a couple times at NE football games. on the trip through Scandinavia with the York Fun Club and lastly at the Veterans memorial in Genoa several years ago. He will be missed. Please accept my condolences and best wishes for you and your family in the future. Bruce H.*

**Bruce H.** - October 14, 2019 at 05:28 PM



“ *Dr. Miller always set a high standard for his staff. He was a great supporter of Athletics and extracurricular activity in the school. He had something good to say every time you talked to him. Greg Uhrmacher*

**Greg Uhrmacher** - October 14, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Evan Eugene "Gene" Miller.*



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October 13, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ *PHYLLIS and FAMILY -  
So sorry for you loss. Wishing you strength and peace at this hard time.*

*Kris Jelinek Hendrickx and family.*

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**Kris Jelinek Hendrickx** - October 12, 2019 at 09:12 PM



“ *The Brothers of Ashlar Lodge 33 AF&AM  
send condolences to the family of Bro. Gene  
Miller at their time of sorrow. Gene will be  
missed.*



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**Dewey Heminger** - October 12, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Dr. Evan Eugene "Gene" Miller.*



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October 12, 2019 at 11:02 AM

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“ *PHYLLIS AND FAMILY - So sorry to learn of Gene's passing. Sharon and I were fortunate to know all three of the "Miller" boys and respected and appreciated them. Best wishes to all of you.*

*Rich and Sharon Zulkoski*

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**Rich and Sharon Zulkoski** - October 12, 2019 at 10:21 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear of Gene's passing. All my best to the family.*

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**Tom Munch** - October 12, 2019 at 07:49 AM