

IN CELEBRATIONS OF A WONDERFUL LIFE

Dallas Wadell Miller

DECEMBER 4TH, 1956 - FEBRUARY 5TH, 2009

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FEBRUARY 9TH, 2009, 11:00AM
SAINT PHILIPS A.M.E.
240 CANDLER ROAD
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30317

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express its sincere and grateful appreciation for the kindness and the generous expressions of love and support during Dallas' illness and in this time of sorrow. We appreciate your caring, gifts of cards, letters, phone calls, visits and other acts of concern. We solicit your prayers that God will give us strength and comfort to face the days ahead. May God bless you richly.

Final Services

Wednesday, February 11, 2009
11:00 am
Fisher and Watkins Funeral Home, Inc.
707 Wilson Street
Danville, VA 24541
(434) 799-2711

Final Interment

Highland Burial Park
Danville, VA



THE REVEREND GEORGE MOORE, SENIOR PASTOR OFFICIATING
THE REVEREND LARRY D. JONES, EULOGIST

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Dallas was the youngest sibling and hated to be referred to as the “baby” which they did so often by calling him “Babe.” He always acted like he was in charge. You would have thought he was 10 feet tall, speaking up for what he believed and never backing down. As children, all the cousins had nicknames. Dallas was named “Spots” by his uncle at an early age. He loved nature and science so much that he kept his tonsils when they were removed around the age of 8-- can you believe that his Mother still has them in a jar today? He also loved being a member of the Cub and Boy Scouts (Mom still has his uniforms). I guess he was destined to pursue a career in science. Dallas was on the Wrestling Team in high school; the family thought he was too small in size, but he proved them wrong



with the heart of a giant. That giant heart carried him through many battles in life, which he utilized during the worst battle of all to fight Leukemia. He has always been our brave little “Babe”.

Dallas always encouraged his Mother to go places and do things. He gave her a trip to Berlin, Germany; advised her to go with her daughter to a Christmas party at the White House despite her health; and encouraged her to carry through with her planned trip to the Holy Land in Jerusalem, Israel in spite of the civil unrest. He said “Mama, they are always fighting over there”. When I met Dallas, my life was Busy and Boring, then it became Happy and Hectic....things was constantly changing.



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He has been my soul mate and my best friend. He would always say that he saved me, as he “fished me out of the Panamanian waters”. Some days it seems as if

when I met him and other days it seems as if we had been married for 50 years. To pick a lifetime memory would not be fair, as everyday with Dallas was an adventure. The only time I gambled in my life was when I said I do....and I hit the Jackpot!! The past three years have been a challenge, but I'd rather have bad times with him than good times with someone else.

Alex loved his father dearly and would always encourage him to get better soon so they could go ride the horse and play outside. He would call him all sorts of funny names and try to get snacks that they both could share and enjoy. He loved sneaking out of the bed, after Mommie thought he was asleep (and Mommie was asleep)...and come downstairs with Daddy to watch movies. Saturday mornings they got up to watch Bonanza....which gave Alex a reason for shouting in the house.

*It's not a good bye,
just a see you later.*



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Major Dallas Wadell Miller (Ret)



Dallas's early education was in the public schools of Danville, VA. After graduation from high school Dallas attended North Carolina A & T State University, graduating with a BS degree in Biology. Dallas furthered his education by obtaining a Master of Science in Public Health – Environmental Science from Tulane University of New Orleans, LA and a Master of Science in Counseling from Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL.



Major Dallas Wadell Miller (USA-Ret) served in the military from 1979 to 1997. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army, Medical Service Corps upon graduation from North Carolina A&T. During Dallas's military career he had many assignments. These included: Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; Camp Humphreys, Korea; Birmingham, Alabama; Ft. Bliss, Texas; New Orleans, Louisiana; Ft. McPherson,

Georgia; Berlin, West Germany; Soto Cono Air Base, Honduras; and Panama City, Panama: During his last assignment in Panama he served as the Public Health / Environmental Health Officer for all US Military Forces in Latin America. Major Miller's military awards include: the Joint Services Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, and the Overseas Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters). He also earned the Expert Field Medical Badge and the Paratrooper Wings while serving in the Army.



After retiring from military service, Dallas was initially employed as a high school Science teacher in DeKalb County, Georgia. He left the education field to pursue service with the federal Government working two years as a Congressional Liaison for the Environmental Protection Agency before leaving for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia to serve as a Public Health Advisor. Dallas's last assignment with CDC was with the National Center for Infectious Disease in the Division of Viral Hepatitis as a Public Health Advisor working in the area of health disparities.



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Brother Dallas W. Miller Omega Citizen of the Year

Brother Dallas Miller was initiated into the Fraternity on the Campus of North Carolina Agriculture & State University in the fall of 1976. Brother Miller was an active and financial member during all of his twenty-eight years in the fraternity. He was a member of Chapters in San Antonio, Birmingham, New Orleans, Panama, Germany, Korea, as well as Decatur, Georgia.



Brother Miller's work in Kappa Alpha Alpha (Decatur, GA) included being the Chairman of the Reclamation Committee, serving on the Scholarship Committee,

Undergraduate Relations Committee, and Social Action Committee. During his two-year tenure as Chairman of the Reclamation Committee, he was inspirational in the growth of the chapter from 56 members to 165 members.

As a Citizen of his community, Brother Miller is President of The Greater Atlanta Area 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association, The Buffalo Soldiers. They live by the Motto of the 10th Cavalry "We Can, We Will."

Brother Miller also served on The Veteran's Task Force for DeKalb County, Georgia. As a member, he sat on a subcommittee that is seeking to have a Memorial Park to honor veterans of all wars. Brother Miller was personally leading a charge to have an African American Military Museum built to recognize and give due diligence to African



Americans that have served honorably in the defense of our country.

Brother Miller is a retired Army Officer. After retirement, he worked for two and a half years for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a Congressional Liaison. He was the only African American in the country to hold this position for the EPA. On this job he was responsible for responding to Congressional inquiries. He established relationships with Senatorial and Congressional Staffs for the states of Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Mississippi. He also was the State and Local



Government Representative for the entire Region IV, including Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and Kentucky. As the State and Local Government Representative, he was responsible for ensuring that the environmental needs and concerns of small towns and communities were attended.

Brother Miller was a dedicated, dependable, and caring brother. He believed that every brother has a skill or talent that can make a positive influence on the African American community. He is married to Panina Sandiford Miller, and they have one son, Dallas Alexander Miller.

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Trooper Dallas Miller 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association, Atlanta GA Buffalo Soldier

As a Citizen of his community, Trooper Miller served four years as President of The Greater Atlanta Area 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association, The Buffalo Soldiers. He spent much of his time traveling throughout the country educating the public about the history of these forgotten and unrecognized heroes. He often took time off from work to visit schools with his Troop, presenting to kids living history of the Buffalo Soldier on horseback, instilling in them a sense of realism and identification.

During a year's time, he and his Troop would give more than thirty presentations. They traveled annually to Williamsburg, VA, Mobile, AL, Columbia, SC, Augusta, GA, Tuskegee, AL, Foley, AL, and Fairfield AL. They have traveled as far as Calgary, Canada, Edorado, AR, and Fort Leavenworth, KS. The Greater Atlanta Area Chapter participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Birmingham during the past three years. The Greater Atlanta Chapter is well known around Atlanta and the Southeastern part of the United States for their Honor Guard presentations, parade participation, school presentations, encampments, and horse riding demonstrations. They live by the Motto of the 10th Cavalry, "We Can We Will".



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Dallas Wadell Miller of Stone Mountain, GA quietly passed away on February 5, 2009. He was born in Pittsylvania County, VA on December 4, 1956. At a young age he joined Camp Grove Baptist Church in Danville, VA and served faithfully as an usher. He always affiliated with local churches wherever he was assigned. While living in Atlanta, GA, he became a member of Saint Philip AME Church.

He was a well-rounded individual, full of love and life. A great son, brother, friend, leader, mentor, husband and father, all those who knew him could attest to the fact that it was an honor knowing him and loving him.

Dallas is survived by his loving wife, Panina Sandiford Miller, and son, Dallas Alexander Miller.

Mother - Mrs. Ora Castella Miller Oliver -
Danville, VA

Father - Mr. Fred Miller, Deceased

Aunts

Ozella Bennett, Danville, VA

Mittie Bennett, Danville, VA

Texie Poteat, Danville, VA

Exella Bennett, Killeen, TX

Delores Clark, Wharton, NJ

Nephews

Terrance (Cassandra) Miller, Decatur, GA

Tavares L. Miller, Temple Hill, MD

Durell Grice, Atlanta, GA

Mario Miller, Upper Marlboro, MD

Jerome Miller, Winston Salem, NC

Uncle

Hubert Miller, Baltimore, MD

Siblings

Robert (Felicia) Miller, Upper Marlboro, MD

Linda C. Miller, Danville, VA

Larry W. (Pearl) Miller, Danville, VA

J. Valeria Grice, Deceased

Nieces

Tameka Miller, Largo, MD

Robin Miller, Mitchellville, MD

Carol, Miller, Houston, TX

Joyce (Basher) Miller-Jamale, Upper Marlboro, MD

Great Nieces

Caitlin L. Miller, Decatur, GA

Carly L. Miller, Decatur, GA

Tamara Miller, Mitchellville, MD