



Michael "Mike" Miller

February 15, 1946 - April 7, 2020

MICHAEL "MIKE" MILLER

Was born on February 15, 1946 and went to his Heavenly home on April 7, 2020. As always, his devoted wife of 55 years, Brenda Miller was right beside him as he entered the arms of his Savior. Mike Miller was a larger-than-life man with a big personality and an even bigger heart. He loved his God, his country, his community and his family with a devotion that was unrivaled. He served his God at Hillcrest Baptist Church, of which he and Brenda are charter members. He served his country by devoting his life to the service of others. Mike was a member of the United States Army Reserve, and served his community as a Franklinton Policeman, a Washington Parish Sheriff's Deputy and an investigator for the District Attorney's office. During the latter part of his 30 years of community service, Mike and "Miss" Brenda opened Mike's Restaurant, where nothing made him happier than seeing friends and family make memories and share good times while enjoying his cooking, for the last 29 years.

More than once, Mike could be heard saying "Evil triumphs when good men do nothing."

Mike Miller did something.

He is survived by:

Wife of 55 years: Brenda Faye Miller Miller

Son: Shane Miller

Daughter: Elise Miller Knight

3 Grandchildren: Austin Jeffery Knight and Meagan Domangue Knight,
Preston Michael Knight,
Ansley Brooke Knight

Former Son in law: Jeff Knight

Also numerous other family members and many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Onzie Miller and Z.L. Jenkins Miller and a brother Clyde Dorman Miller.

A graveside funeral service will be held in Mt. Hermon Cemetery at 2:00 Friday April 10th with Rev. Tommy Smith and Dr. Gene Richards officiating.

Due to the circumstances impacting our community, a memorial service for all of Mike's friends and family will take place at his church at a more appropriate time in the near future.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial donations to Hillcrest Baptist Church (2201 Washington Street, Franklinton, LA 70438)

Honorary Pallbearers: Mike Tate, William Stogner, Randall Penton, Rusty Knight, Richard Newman, Bo Money, Scott Miller, Eric Pierce, James Magruder, Wayne Patterson, Denny Denman, Tommy Warren Quin, David

Brooks and The Coffee Crew at Brooks Café.

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family. We have wonderful memories of his smiling face.
Judy and Bob Jensen

judy jensen - May 09, 2020 at 06:11 PM

“ *Ghirardelli Galore was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Miller.*



April 28, 2020 at 03:00 PM

JW

“ *I was stunned to see the obituary of Mike. Such a wonderful friend to Russell and I and our girls for so many years. We love you Brenda and family and you will be in our thoughts and prayers.*
Jackie Williams

Jacqueline Williams - April 13, 2020 at 12:46 PM

KN

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr Mike's passing. My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Brenda and all the family.*



Kay Newman - April 10, 2020 at 06:05 PM

DG

“ *Brenda and family, we are so sorry to hear about Mike. We will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*
Johnny and Dianne Green ”

Dianne S Green - April 10, 2020 at 04:06 PM

DT

“ *Brenda and family, so sorry to lose Mike. We're grieving with you for our friend.* ”

Devon and Delores Thomas - April 10, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ *Red Poinsettia (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Miller.* ”



April 10, 2020 at 12:44 PM

CJ

“ *Brenda and Family, I am so saddened by the loss of Mr Mike. Please accept my deepest condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Cathy Johnston* ”

Cathy Johnston - April 10, 2020 at 12:17 PM

RK

“ *Michael is my cousin. He was one of a kind He was a wonderful , kind servant. Always fun to be around and would give you anything he had if you needed it He will be missed. Love you "Mike."* ”

Ruth Miller Kinnison - April 10, 2020 at 01:23 AM

FM

“ Brenda and family, I am so sorry to hear about Mike. He will be greatly missed. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Faye Murrell - April 09, 2020 at 08:41 PM

RR

“ We would like to offer our sincere condolences to the entire family
Marilyn and Dick Richardson

R W Richardson - April 09, 2020 at 07:52 PM

JW

“ Brenda, my heart & prayers go out to you at this sad time. Mike always had a way about him that brought a smile and laugh every time I saw him. He was a special cousin. Janet Wooley

Janet Wooley - April 09, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ Pink Lily and Yellow Rose Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Miller.



April 09, 2020 at 05:38 PM

JL

“ Jeff, Roger And Lib lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Miller



Jeff, Roger and Lib - April 09, 2020 at 02:46 PM

JL

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Jeff, Roger and Lib - April 09, 2020 at 02:43 PM

LJ

“ Brenda there was only 1 MIKE. Greater LOVE was always shown. You know his mama and he are rejoicing in heaven TO GOD BE THE GLORY. WE ALL LOVED HIM.

Lester Jenkins - April 09, 2020 at 02:05 PM

JR

“ Loved Mike, he was a generous person. He showed his love and respect for senior citizens by giving an appreciation dinner for a number of years.

jane rester - April 09, 2020 at 01:36 PM

FC

“ My special friend Mike and I go back a long way to when he was in the tenth grade. We hunted, and fished most of the ponds around Mt Hermon. Back in 1960 we started the fad of floating the Bogue Chitto with our homemade canvas and inner tube. We would put in at Warnaton and come out at Clifton, usually with a catch of fish. We kept in touch over the years, and when I came back through Washington Parish, I made it a point to see Mike. At his passing I pondered why, of all the students I taught, would I stay in touch with this special one. My conclusion was that he was not only special to me, but I was special to him. But not just me but most other people were special to Mike. Think about it. He touched so many. He always was happy to great, to interact in a happy way with stories, to show his truck, his motorcycle, his leather jacket (that took two hides to make) or his bum leg that burned when the pot tilted. He also had a special lady, who supported him, loved him and, I sometimes thought, tolerated him. But he was always just Mike, and I will miss him.

Mr. Finley

Finley Corkern - April 09, 2020 at 01:08 PM

JE

“ Remember y'all coming to LRA meeting on his motorcycle. Always made me feel accepted at the meetings. Funny and full of life. Prayers for all! 🙏

jeanette Eisworth - April 09, 2020 at 01:05 PM

CG

“ So sorry for your loss Mrs. Brenda & family !
Sending prayers !



Chas Morgan Gerald - April 09, 2020 at 10:57 AM

JR

“ So saddened by this and he will be greatly missed ! Praying for Ms.
Brenda and her family and that God will comfort you at this time.

Jeremy and Michelle Richardson - April 09, 2020 at 10:34 AM

JF

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mike. My Mother, Nedra Mae Schilling,
loved him dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this
time. He will be greatly missed at the Miller Family Reunions.

Judy Schilling Foreman - April 09, 2020 at 10:30 AM

PT

“ I will always remember Mike and his kindness when I worked at
Time Saver in the 80's. Praying for family!

Pam Trahan - April 09, 2020 at 06:55 AM

MB

“ So sorry for the loss of Mike. He was a good man. Seems like I've
known him forever, though I haven't seen him in the past 40 years.
My mom, Melba Fussell, thought the world of him. May precious
memories keep him close and make you smile.

Mavis Fussell Brinkley - April 09, 2020 at 03:01 AM

BM

“ So thankful for Mr. Mike! Such a genuine and giving man. We will miss you! Praying for Ms Brenda, Elise, Shane and the rest of the family. May God bless you with a peace that passes all understanding during this most difficult time.

Brooke and Scott Moody - April 08, 2020 at 11:54 PM

SH

“ I met Mike as a narcotics officer with State Police while staying at the farm of Bot and Linda Burch in 1979. Over the next 41 years our paths crossed many times always a pleasure and he was such a professional officer for which ever department he was working for. The past few years we shared good times at the State Capitol while Mike was serving up the best Bar B Que in the south. I have lost many friends in the past few years but along with Mike i will meet them again in our heavenly reward. I want to shake hands with Jesus. Bless all of you who are Mikes family and friends.

Stan Hughes - April 08, 2020 at 11:29 PM

JF

“ I habe know him my whole life....hE gave me my first job at the restaurant.... You will be missed big man....

Jeremy Freeman - April 08, 2020 at 11:08 PM

WM

“ A big man with a even bigger heart. I was lucky enough to have worked with him in law enforcement and to have known him as a friend

Wilkie Magee

Wilkie Magee - April 08, 2020 at 10:06 PM

WP

“ Mike and i went to school together we ate at Mike’s steakhouse many times very great Great Christian man . Bro Walter Pierce Poplarville ms

walter pierce - April 08, 2020 at 09:41 PM

KC

“ So very sorry for your loss! Prayers for comfort during this difficult time!

Kathy Brock Cook

kathy brock cook - April 08, 2020 at 09:39 PM

CG

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the days ahead.
Chanda and Arlie Goings

Chanda Goings - April 08, 2020 at 09:26 PM

BB

“ Billy Ray and I are so sorry to hear of this news. Mike was one of kind and will be dearly missed. We have all of you in our thoughts and prayers. We enjoyed a many of Mike’s delicious meals.



Billy Ray and Janet Breland - April 08, 2020 at 08:49 PM

CR

“ Mike was a supporter of my culinary program in Slidell. He supported the students. He was active in the NRA and his wife Brenda was always by his side. I have fond memories of Mr Mike and pray for his family. I know he will be missed by many. Brenda still makes the best cakes in Washington Parish and I am proud to have called them friends. See you in the other side my dear friend.

Chef Jan Rost - April 08, 2020 at 08:44 PM

 Tammy McIntyre

“ Ms Brenda, this breaks my heart. I'm so sorry. He will definite be missed. Prayers for you and the family.
Tammy and Dale McIntyre
Covington

Tammy McIntyre - April 08, 2020 at 08:35 PM

RK

“ He was a great man of God. I definitely know he is with Jesus. I am a pastor and during some very rough times of ministry, he made me feel special anytime I visited his restaurant. I pray the family knows we are praying for them at this time.

Rev. Russell Kirkland - April 08, 2020 at 08:26 PM

TO

“ I am so sad to hear this news. I've known Mr Mike and Mrs Brenda most of my life and have always thought so much of both of them. I am so sorry...

Toni Oswald - April 08, 2020 at 08:23 PM

MG

“ Thanks be to Jesus for precious memories! May He bless each of you with many of them during this time of loss.
Yours in Christ,
Mike & Betty

Mike & Betty Gill - April 08, 2020 at 08:20 PM

SS

“ Sue E Shelton lit a candle in memory of
Michael "Mike" Miller



Sue E Shelton - April 08, 2020 at 07:48 PM

DL

“ Danny & Pat Lea lit a candle in memory of
Michael "Mike" Miller



Danny & Pat Lea - April 08, 2020 at 07:35 PM

DL

So sorry for your loss 🙏 for your family. He will be missed ❤️

Danny & Pat Lea - April 08, 2020 at 07:36 PM

DR

So sorry Brenda. I will be praying for you and kids.

Drema and Rod - April 08, 2020 at 07:49 PM



Brenda and family, you have my heartfelt condolences. Mike will always hold a special place in my heart.- Joel

Joel Treadwell - April 08, 2020 at 07:55 PM

HR

“ *Just like many, many people we have lost a great friend and a man that it was always a pleasure to see and visit. Mrs. Brenda, we are thinking of you and your family and praying for y'all. If there is anything we can do please let us know.*
Harold & Patsy Ritchie

Harold and Patsy Ritchie - April 08, 2020 at 07:33 PM

JG

Mike was a friend I will always treasure. Love you Miss Brenda and May God bless your family. Jan Garner

Jan Garner - April 08, 2020 at 07:51 PM

NJ

I served on the Board Of Directors with the Louisiana Restaurant Assn. He was always intertaining, made you smile with his great personality that was natural to him. He always would tell you how he felt about things from his heart, even though you may not agree. Was a Good Old Boy, I will always remember. RIP Mike

Nash Barreca Jr - April 08, 2020 at 08:33 PM

LB

So sorry for your loss. Mike was a dear sweet man. Remember him fondly. Lana Terrell Manning Barker

Lana Barker - April 08, 2020 at 10:00 PM

PV

“ *Never forget Mike. Worked with him in 75. Sure going to miss him and that crazy laugh he had!*

Phillip Varnado - April 08, 2020 at 07:31 PM

MW

“ Mrs. Brenda - I am so sorry to hear about Mr Mike. He was always so much fun to be around and always had a story to share! Hugs and prayers to you !
Mindy

Mindy Weber - April 08, 2020 at 07:19 PM

MG

“ We are saddened by the loss of our friend Mike. He was a character. We loved visiting with him when we would go eat. Prayers for your family. 🙏❤️



Mike and Tammy Godwin - April 08, 2020 at 07:06 PM

TC

I have always looked up to Mr Mike and thought a lot of him. My heart, thoughts and prayers go out to the family ❤️

Theresa Cooper - April 08, 2020 at 07:14 PM

Juanita Luper

“ Juanita Luper lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Miller



Juanita Luper - April 08, 2020 at 07:05 PM

BG

“ To my "Good Buddy",
I am really gonna miss you, my friend. Your larger than life personality will be forever missed. Rest in Peace Good Buddy !

Brian J Girardot - April 08, 2020 at 07:04 PM

CS

“ Mike was one of a kind who would do anything to help someone down. God speed Mike! Thoughts and prayers to Brenda and family.

Calvin Simmons - April 08, 2020 at 06:50 PM

MV

“ Mike & Debbie Varnado lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Miller



Mike & Debbie Varnado - April 08, 2020 at 06:47 PM

LM

Mike was bigger than life, a man among men. Kind but a matter of fact guy. I was never around Mike when I didn't smile. Rest in peace, my friend. My sincere condolences to family.

Lenny Minutillo - April 08, 2020 at 09:40 PM

PB

“ I first met Mike when he opened a restaurant on the Bogue Chitto River. Then she had the pleasure of seeing him professionally when he was an investigator and I was Circuit Clerk. He also came by the office to visit when he was in Tylertown. He was such a great guy. I will miss you Mike. Pat Broussard

Pat Ginn Broussard - April 08, 2020 at 06:44 PM

AC

“ My thoughts and prayers for Ms. Brenda and family.

Angela Callender - April 08, 2020 at 06:20 PM

BB

So sorry for your loss. We all will miss him.

Bob Bateman - April 08, 2020 at 06:39 PM

FG

Will miss the big guy. Prayers for family.

Frank & Edda Gendusa - April 08, 2020 at 07:41 PM

LB

Oh Ms Brenda Dale and I along with our girls are so sorry to hear of Mr Mikes passing! We loved him and well never Again have a steak as good as he cooked! We are sincerely sorry. God bless you Ms Brenda



Lori bertucci - April 08, 2020 at 07:44 PM