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Robert "Bob" Everette Miller

Aug. 8, 1931 - June 22, 2026

Robert "Bob" Everette Miller, 94, hometown hero, distinguished citizen, and respected educator of Morganton, NC, passed away Monday, June 22, 2026.

Born in Burke County, NC on August 8, 1931, he was the son of the late William Cameron Miller and Etta Benfield Miller.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Charlie Beth Benfield Miller; brothers, Andrew, Mike, Cary, Ray, Ralph, and Albert Miller; and sisters, Gwendolyn M Pitts, Emmie "Sue" M. Copeland, Pauline M. Whisnant, and Gladys M. Whisnant.

Bob was drafted into the US Army on December 2, 1952. He served as an infantryman with Company A, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Division. He fought in the Korean War until he sustained serious injuries in the famed Battle of Pork Chop Hill in July of 1953. Bob's experiences were chronicled in two books by Bill McWilliams: "A Return to Glory" and "On Hallowed Ground – Pork Chop Hill." During his 18 months of service he received numerous awards, including: Silver Star, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, UN Defense Medal, National Service Medal, South Korean Defense Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge.

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He earned his teaching certificate from Appalachian Teacher's College (now Appalachian State University), and a master's degree in business and economics, also from ASU. He completed his student teacher at Morganton High School. Bob taught business at Glen Alpine High School and also part-time at Oak Hill High School and Western Piedmont Community College. He finished his 22-year teaching career at Freedom High School.

Mr. Miller championed for veterans throughout the years. He chartered the Disabled American Veterans Morganton Chapter #43 in 1956 and has served in various leadership positions with the organization, both locally and statewide. He is also a member of the Morganton American Legion Post #21 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Table Rock Post #5362. Bob has logged countless hours at the Charles George VA Medical Center. His dedication to veterans has earned him many honors, including: US Veterans Administration Leadership Award, Charles George VA Medical Center Volunteer of the Year Award, Disabled American Veterans National George H. Seal Memorial Trophy for Volunteer Service, many local honors, Burke County Man of the Year, Morganton Human Relations Commission Citizen of the year, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution's State/Southeast Region Volunteer Veteran Award, United Daughters of the Confederacy Southern Cross, and Sons of the Confederate Veteran Patriot Award. Mr. Miller has previously served as master of ceremonies for the local Veterans Day Service and has coordinated the annual Veterans Day breakfast at the DAV headquarters for years. "It is through the services of men and women, like myself, that served our nation in the military, that we enjoy the peace and prosperity that we have today," Miller said.

Those left to cherish his memory include his son, Robert Wayne Miller, Sr.; step-daughter, Penny Moody; grandchildren, Robert, Misty, Matthew, Darin, Brittany, Sharon, and Jessica; great-grandchildren, Harley, Heidi, Lexi, Joe, Zoey, Lilly, Rylan, Mason, Layla, Eli, Layla, and Jasmin; and numerous extended family.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 27, 2026 at Zion Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the church with Rev. Keith Rose officiating. Entombment will follow in Burke Memorial Park Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to DAV Chapter 43, PO Box 572, Morganton, NC 28680.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Rob, I am so sorry to hear that your dad passed away ! My heart is broken , he was a very special and loving person . I enjoyed the talks about war, the cats outside when he would see them. Watching old movies with him, his bass fisherman/baseball/sports. Or just cooking for him and having a conversation about more magazines.. he was a very special person to me and I loved him so much . I know that you are heart broken over this . I will be praying for you and the Family . Roxie I am so sorry that our beautiful Bob passed away . I know that he loved you all so much and he would tell me more kisses and that he loved me. My heart is broken for Rob and you and the family . If there is anything call me. Love you all

–Angela



Rob, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad! I know it's hard to see him go. I will keep you in my prayers . Roxie and the family , I am so sorry for the loss of Out amazing Bob. I am going to miss talking with him about the war and the cats out side, watching old movies with him and fishing and baseball / sports . He was an amazing person , I am glad I got to know him. Gods has a beautiful Angel in heaven now! Rob, Roxie and think you all need call me. I will be here for you all. Love you all . Love Angela

—Angela

Uncle Bobby was a kind and sweet man. I have so many wonderful memories of the times I got to spend with him growing up. My husband is in the hospital so

we will not be able to attend the services tomorrow but my love and prayers are with all of the family and his friends.

—Iris Miller Bradley

So sorry to hear of Mr. Miller's passing. I was in his class at Glen Alpine High School. Prayers for the family!

—Delores Greene Fisher

—Charles Gordon

I fondly remember Mr. Miller. He taught me history at Glen Alpine High. I always had great respect for him. May he rest in peace.

—Revonda Lail Sutton Sutton

My Dads baby brother has went to his reward. Now holding the title of oldesst living in our family that I am aware of. He was kind to us kids as we grew up. I never remember a harsh word even when we trampled in his stawberry patch. His legacy will live on our hearts. Now he rejoins his family circle in heaven.

—Patsy Miller Bumgarner

—Sandy Childs

Our prayers go with you and your family

—Benjamin Christman



A Honor to have met him ..he is a inspiration to All who has known him..

–Sheila Butler



Love u bob rest in peace bob we will miss you

–Rylan Moody



I had a class under Mr. Miller in high school. I am sad to hear he is gone. He was a nice man.

–Bob Melton



I'm so sorry for your loss. Bob was a kind man. I had the pleasure of knowing him through my friend Penny. In my teenage yrs. I went to bingo several times with him , Charlie and Penny.. I also knew him at Freedom high when he was a teacher there. Praying for the family.

–Carolyn Lail



I never had the honour to meet you Sir, but you will live on inside the heart of your son and all your family members. You lived a long and incredible life, filled with more achievements than most people could even dream about.

Rest in peace now and God bless x

—Linda Beagle

He was a dear man. Loved him like a brother. He brought joy, growth and love into my sister's life. He will be greatly missed.

—John and Jackie Hedstrom

Sorry to read that Mr. Miller has passed away, I thought a lot of Him, he was my 10th grade History teacher at Glen Alpine High School. Sending thoughts and Prayers to the family

—Ozelle Greene Sotelo