



## Thomas Miller

September 25, 1926 - April 26, 2021

Thomas Miller, PhD, 94, of Shawnee, KS passed away Monday, April 26, 2021 at his home, while holding the hand of his loving wife of 66 years. He was born September 25, 1926 in Slick, Oklahoma the son of Jim and Maudie Miller. Thomas proudly served his country in the United States Army earning ranks of Sergeant. He was a college professor and author of numerous articles for the business schools at Northwestern University and Harvard University during his career. He and his wife, Alice, were inseparable and the classic example of what happens when you marry your best friend. They both loved classical music, attending operas as often as possible, especially loving performances in New York. They also loved to travel for leisure and to continue their growth of knowledge together. When not traveling, they tended to their house and grounds. Thomas is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Alice, and two children. Thank you to Ascend Hospice for their help and comfort along the way. Per his wishes no services are planned at this time.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Miller*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Thomas Miller*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Tom was a very intelligent and humble man. I walked the neighborhood and had many interesting visits and conversations with him. Tom was an interesting and gentle man. We will miss him. George and Joann Francis neighbors.*

**George Francis** - May 02, 2021 at 12:34 PM

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*Dr. Miller, Professor of Human Relations, was my very favorite professor at UMKC, from the 1970's. Many other students felt the same way. All of us marveled at his knowledge of Human Relations, Counseling Psychology, Administration and Supervision of people and Working On The Job with others. He had one of the most intelligent minds I have ever had the pleasure of being acquainted with, as well as having a very high energy level.*

*He was a "Rate Buster," as he told us once. And if that wasn't enough, he loved all of us, and tried to help us. Of course, we loved him in return.*

*He made friends with the high and low. He told us how he was friends with several surgeons and how they let him in the operating room to witness complicated surgeries. He told us that if people liked us, they would do anything for us, even break the rules!*

*He loved his old alma mater, Harvard. We were in awe of the excellence of Harvard from his many stories.*

*He was proud of his work with the Kansas City Firemen and told us stories of the Firemen strike in Kansas City from the 1970's ?? He told us "...the fireman did not mean to strike, but they had a lot of fun doing it." He explained that at the point of voting, the firemen were going to vote with a secret ballot. But suddenly the Union Boss stood up, faced the crowd and shouted, "No, I want to see who is going to stand with me!" So they took a vote by show of hands, and they were afraid not to show their hand with their friends and Union Boss and voted to strike!*

*He told us stories about his family, his wife, Alice, his daughter Lisa, and son, Arthur. I still feel as though I know all of them from his stories. He told us to "...play dumb..." if we ever met Alice, Lisa or Arthur! His wife, Alice made all A's in her undergraduate work at college. Lisa thought about becoming a policewoman, but became a Social Worker Counselor. Arthur was quiet, he said.*

*He told us he was "...raised in the hills." And raised by some very determined friends and family. He told us when he was a boy, he was in a nearby room and accidentally overheard his father and neighbors plotting a murder. One student asked if the murder really occurred. Dr. Miller said that the man just happened to take a different foot path home that evening, walking from work, so the murder never happened and in the next hours and days, the excitement died down and nothing happened.*

*I could go on and on, but these are just a few of the stories that Dr.*

*Miller told us to teach us about people.*

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**Stephen Kinder** - December 26, 2024 at 02:19 PM