



Miller David John

June 5, 2006

John David Miller, age 63, of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, passed away Monday evening, June 5, 2006 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City after a courageous 17 month battle with brain cancer. He was born May 31, 1943 in Bryan, Ohio, a son of Colenzo (Bing) and Lola Maneval Miller.

He graduated from Bowling Green State University where he met his wife, Karen Kinsey. The two were united in marriage on August 5, 1967 in Tippecanoe, Ohio and shared 39 wonderful years together.

Colonel Miller retired from the United States Air Force after serving 27 years. During that time he flew the B-52 and completed over 200 missions in the Vietnam War. Later he flew the FB-111 and his final assignment was Operational Test Director for the B-2.

After retirement he moved to the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks where he was Golf Tournament Coordinator for the Lodge of the Four Seasons and a substitute and adult education teacher for the Camdenton School District. He was an active member of Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church in Laurie, where he served as Church Trustee, Lay Leader and President of the Men's Group. Other involvements include: the Air Force Association where he served as the Missouri State President, the Dedallions, the Bowling Green Falcon Club and the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Miller of the home; one daughter, Melanie Simmons and husband Jeff, of Lee's Summit, MO; two sons, Matthew John Miller and wife Laura, of Papillion, NE, and Mark David Miller and wife Anne, of Kansas City, MO; his mother, Lola Miller of Montpelier, OH; one brother, Rodney Miller and wife Sandy, of Lady Lake, FL; one sister, Candace Johnson, of Montpelier, OH; two grandchildren, Brecken and Morgan Miller and many other relatives and friends.

John's favorite moments were spending time with his family and friends, golfing, sporting events, snow and water skiing and travel. Those who knew and loved him will dearly miss him. He will be remembered for his joyful spirit, and kind and loving ways- a true gentleman and patriot.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2006 at Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church in Laurie, with Rev. Rick White officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 23, at Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church in Laurie. Inurnment will be at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery in Kansas. Memorials may be made to Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church. Sympathy emails for the family can be sent to www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Laurie.