



Francis X. Miller

January 7, 1966 - February 5, 2019

Francis Xavier Miller, born 1/7/66, in Orlando, Florida, passed away on 2/5/19, in Orlando, Florida.

Francis is survived by his parents, Robert and Barbara Miller, his brothers, Jeffrey and Robert (Jacey) Miller, Grandmother Betty Baschnagel, nephew Travis Miller, nieces Sadie and Lena Miller, and many Aunts, Uncles, and cousins in New York, California, and Connecticut. Francis is preceded in death by his brother Sean Miller and sister Ronni Miller.

Francis attended Lakemont Elementary, Glenridge Middle School and Winter Park High School. He loved doing ceramics and pottery at WPHS and this experience formed the basis for his career in art. Francis attended Valencia and Santa Fe Community Colleges, Portland Museum School of Art, and Southern Oregon State College where he pursued his studies in art. Francis taught art at Crealde' School of Art from 1993-1997 and at Annunciation Catholic Academy from 1997-2016. In his own words, the best part of his job "was observing the glow on a child who had just finished a masterpiece". Many of his creative works are still being enjoyed by his friends and family.

Francis had no children of his own but felt blessed by the children he taught and loved his nieces and nephew. In the past few years, he found much

pleasure with his rescue dog “Loki”. He also loved to travel, garden, and do home improvements.

Francis had a zest for life, love of art, and kindness that will be remembered by his family and friends. Burial at a private family service will take place at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ Francis was my best friend. His love, creativity and immense shining spirit continue to be a huge part of my life. I will never forget Fran. I believe he was truly brilliant and a rare light in this world. I shared so many years of friendship with him in various stations of our lives. Francis was an amazing person. I have never met anyone like him before or since. He lives on in the memories that I have and all the experiences we shared. We met in Gainesville when I was 19 or 20 years old. I was immediately struck by how bright his light was and how great I felt in Francis' presence. His spontaneous sense of humor and ability to improvise witty banter was unparalleled. He was a truly gifted artist and special kind of Pied Piper for his students. I still carry Francis in my heart and always will. Thank you for allowing me to know him.



*With Much Love,
Peter Brightman*

Cheffe Peters - September 17, 2020 at 04:05 PM

TH

“ Mr Miller was such a gentle caring soul. I met him while I was the nurse at ACA. I still remember all the paintings that hung in the courtyard during Catholic Schools Week. He had an amazing talent to paint and also to teach the children. I shall keep him in my prayers always. Theresa Hamilton

Theresa Hamilton - February 17, 2019 at 02:43 PM

LB

He was a great friend. He and I shared a locker at Glenridge Jr High. Loved that kid, he was so funny. Prayers for his family.

Leigh Blakeley - July 03, 2019 at 09:28 AM

PF

“ I went to ACA from '99 to '08. Mr Miller was the only art teacher I remember having. I took a summer course with him, spent 3 years in his "house" homeroom and even shared a few hours with him in early morning detention. I always had a love for art and he was the first person to offer to purchase a drawing that I had done. He never made me feel like a child when we spoke, and to a child that means a lot. Now that I'm a parent I would be elated to have someone like this man be a teacher and mentor to my child. As one of his many students I can easily say he was adored by us all and will truly be missed.

Pat Farley - February 16, 2019 at 07:52 PM



“ How much you inspired me. How much you believed in me. How thankful I am to you for teaching me. Because of you, I am a proud artist.

Delaney Daly - February 14, 2019 at 07:00 PM

KS

“ Our family is heartbroken to hear of the loss of Mr. Miller. He was always such a bright person to be around and always knew how to make us smile and his smile will be missed! Prayers being sent to his family and those left behind. This piece of art done by my son in his class will always remind me of him as it hangs in my home - he will be missed.



Keeley Solby - February 14, 2019 at 06:07 PM

TM

“ *Mr Millar was adored by his students. We were so sad to hear of his passing. Katie and Calum talked fondly about enjoying art at school and all the fun they had at his summer camp classes. We were lucky to know him. He will remain in our prayers*



The Macpherson's - February 14, 2019 at 05:44 PM



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DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - February 14, 2019 at 02:49 PM

CT

“ *Thank you Mr. Miller for sharing your passion for arts to my kids. You taught them, encouraged them and loved them with all your heart. You are one of the greatest teachers they've had at ACA. You will surely be missed ... May you Rest In Peace ...*

Cecille Ty - February 14, 2019 at 09:17 AM

CM

“ *We are heartbroken to learn of Mr Miller's passing. Our daughter adored Mr Miller. We still have her Mr Miller inspired artwork all over our home. He made a huge impact on so many young lives. RIP !*

C Moreland - February 14, 2019 at 06:56 AM

MA

“ One of the things I admired most about Francis was how well he knew the students at ACA. He often visited the children during their lunch time. He told me he would make an effort to talk one on one with each of his advisory students throughout the year too. His after school and summer art classes were always packed. We were fortunate to have Francis in our lives if even for a short time. May God grant him eternal peace.

Mrs. Elaine Ashley

Mrs. Elaine Ashley - February 13, 2019 at 10:16 PM

DK

“ I had the honor of working with Francis for many years at ACA. He was an amazing art teacher who loved his work and taught his students in a kind and loving way. He was one of my son's favorite teachers and I know a lot of others feel the same! Rest In Peace my friend! ”



🌹 Debi Kloss

Debi Kloss - February 13, 2019 at 09:02 PM

MS

“ Mr. Miller was such a gentle soul, and a great art teacher. My boys enjoyed his art classes and his art camps at ACA. He was always positive and encouraging. We were blessed to have known this gentle man. RIP Mr. Miller.

Mur Shuker

mur shuker - February 13, 2019 at 08:34 PM

JW

“ I had Mr. Miller throughout my time at Aca. His students always looked forward to his classes where he brought joy and happiness to the classroom. He had such a passion for art and never failed to make his students smile. He was a great man and will be missed.

Jenny Wharry - February 13, 2019 at 08:33 PM

SF

“ My children thrived with Mr. Miller's passionate guidance and love of sharing his artistic gifts. He always exuded positive energy with a genuine compassionate attitude. My children loved his class and we still have many of the beautiful artwork and ceramics they created with his extraordinary instruction. He will be missed. We send loving thoughts and prayers to all of his family and friends.



~Sherlock Family

Sherlock Family - February 13, 2019 at 08:29 PM

TF

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The Sherlock Family - February 13, 2019 at 08:24 PM

JH

“ When I look back in my memories of my son's time at ACA and think of Mr. Miller, his smile immediately comes to mind. He exuded kindness with that smile. May his family find peace during this time. He is Safely Home.

Jennifer Hughes - February 13, 2019 at 08:00 PM

JN

“ It is honestly tragic for him to pass away, he was my art teacher from 2006-2015, and I can say one of my favorite and most influential teacher. Without him, I wouldn't of discovered my gift for art. He helped encourage me and saw my interests in the skill. He kept me going during the hard times in school, and cheered me up with his fun and cheesy jokes. My prayers go out to him and his family, he will be deeply missed.

James Nguyen - February 13, 2019 at 06:03 PM

MR

“ Francis was a wonderful teacher, coworker, and friend. I will miss him and his sense of humor. He always knew how to make me laugh. A few year ago I was in the emergency room dealing with a kidney stone. As I was waiting to see a doctor in a tremendous amount of pain a text came through from him and made me giggle. He had a great heart and will be greatly missed. ❤️

Mara Ryan - February 13, 2019 at 04:56 PM

NC

“ *Mr. Miller was such a sweet and kind man. As a student I enjoyed his classes. He was so creative and fun. As a high school student, He let me help him one summer as an assistant in his summer camps. He was always so kind and generous. He was always excited to help you make things or offer supplies. So creative! And very funny. He was just so sweet to me and my family. I'm so sad, he will be missed.*

Nicole Cook - February 13, 2019 at 04:54 PM

CT

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Cecille Ty - February 13, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ *Francis was a kind, generous and talented soul. He will be greatly missed and warmly remembered.*

Brian Hutchings - February 13, 2019 at 02:19 PM

LZ

“ *I had the pleasure of volunteering in his classroom for the last two years he was at ACA. I love working with him. He was my grandson's favorite teacher. Rest in peace.*

Lorraine Zimmerman - February 13, 2019 at 01:59 PM

KS

“ All four of my girls had the opportunity for Mr Miller to be their art teacher. They loved him so and because there were so many of them he always called them by the older sisters' name. He knew we had tons of land and chickens and he always wanted to find a way to paint/draw our big rooster. Now I wish he had because I would have loved to have a piece of his artwork. He will be missed greatly.

Kelleen A Stewart - February 13, 2019 at 01:52 PM

PO

“ We will be praying for Francis and the Miller family. My children adored him and I loved his sense of humor. Mr. Miller was able to relate with my children and even reach those who were shy and reserved. He will be missed.

Paula Oakes - February 13, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear of Francis' passing. All three of my children loved him as a teacher at Annunciation and enjoyed his classes, wheel, and even a few summer camp sessions. Condolences to his family. He will be missed by many. Kathy Smith, Frank, Kristine, and David Rapprich

Kathy Smith - February 13, 2019 at 01:04 PM

Tony Vergopia

“ Mr. Miller was easily our daughter's favorite teacher and truly inspired her in art...thoughts and prayers for his family and friends. Tony, Catherine and Alex Vergopia



Tony Vergopia - February 13, 2019 at 12:46 PM

KM

“ So sad to hear this. My children loved Mr Miller. He brought out everyone’s creativity. He gave everyone confidence. He made them feel positive about themselves. He was a wonderful man and teacher. He will be missed by all, especially his ACA community ❤️

Kelley Mathews - February 13, 2019 at 12:29 PM

CT

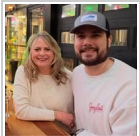
“ I had the privilege of having Mr. Miller as an art teacher from 2003 - 2012 at Annunciation Catholic Academy. His love for art and his students was obvious. He encouraged us to express ourselves in the most beautiful ways in similar manners to how great artists of the past found beauty in art. There was never a day Mr. Miller was not smiling when you entered his classroom. Thank you for sharing the beauty of art with us.

Carl Ty - February 13, 2019 at 11:50 AM

JV

“ Mr. Miller was a great Art Teacher and all of our 4 children who attended Annunciation loved him. They were very disappointed and sad when he left the school. He was a ray of light and made Art and art history enjoyable for the kids. They looked forward to Art Class always. We are so sad to hear about his passing and are praying for Mr. Miller and all of his family. Julie Vandendriessche

Julie Vandendriessche - February 13, 2019 at 11:36 AM



“ This is so sad! Mr. Miller was an awesome art teacher who my son loved! He will be missed!

Lori Kubis - February 13, 2019 at 11:28 AM

MF

“ He was one of my kids favorite teachers. He was always kind, patient, and loving. My kids and I have so many good memories of Francis.
RIP my friend you will be missed

Mrs Field - February 13, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ Francis was one of the most talented art teachers with whom I ever worked. He imbued a love of art and an appreciation of art history in all his classes. He loved his students and encouraged them to express themselves in creative projects. May you Rest In Peace, Francis. Dr. Curran

Margaret Curran - February 13, 2019 at 08:27 AM

DM

Very sad news! Mr. Miller had a true passion for art and teaching art to the students. Our kids loved Mr. Miller . He will be missed

Duane McRorie - February 13, 2019 at 02:52 PM

CD

My children and I are so saddened by this news. Francis was a phenomenal teacher and a beloved co-worker. He has left a life- long impression on us all. I will never allow myself to forget his incredibly quick wit, his perceptiveness, humanity, and very genuine spirit. I'm jealous the angels get to hear all his jokes now. I'm sure he's a favorite up there, too.

Carmela DeToma - February 13, 2019 at 04:09 PM

KW

Mr. Miller is the reason we decided to send our children to Annunciation. He was able to fostering his students' creativities and abilities while imparting a classical art history education,. He was a rare and gentle man who shared his God given talents humbly and without reservation. He is in Heaven now sculpting for his Creator.

karin williamson - February 13, 2019 at 11:14 PM



Francis was an amazing talent in so many ways. He loved life and the students at ACA. He is a true angel that will be dearly missed.

Eileen Allen - February 14, 2019 at 10:32 AM