



William F. Miller

January 24, 1924 - February 6, 2013

William F. Miller, 127 Hillside Street, Lebanon died Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at home in his 90th year. He was the husband of the late Gertrude H. Baldwin Miller who died in 1993. Born in Lebanon on January 24, 1924, he was the son of the late Philip and Margaret Miller. He was a retired supervisor from Bethlehem Mines, Morgantown, PA and also retired from the Lebanon VA Medical Center Maintenance Shop. Bill was a US Army veteran of WW II serving as a tail gunner with the 4112th AAF BU with campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and the Europe Air Offensive. For his service he received the Air Medal and the EAME Ribbon with five Bronze Stars. He was a prisoner of war for 18 months (1944-1945) in Germany. He returned home after the liberation of his camp at the conclusion of the war. Bill graduated from Lebanon High School in 1942 and attended Lebanon Valley College. He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Lebanon VFW Post 23, Jonestown American Legion, and Jonestown AMVETS. He was also a member of the Hemlock Archery Club and was nationally ranked, having won the Eastern Sportsman's Show Championship and was a State Champion Archer. He published an article on archery in the Outdoor Life magazine. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, collecting coins and panning for gold. Surviving are two sons Philip R. Miller of Lebanon, Thomas J. Miller, Sr. of Cornwall, three daughters Carol L. Miller of Lebanon, Nancy A. wife of John Thomas of Little Marsh, PA, Phyllis M. wife of Scott G. Weiant of Cornwall, nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and one great great

grandchild. He was preceded in death by a son William F. Miller, Jr. a granddaughter Mary Rose Miller, a brother Philip Miller, a sister Janice Blessing, and his faithful canine companion Nugget. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 12:00 Noon at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1800 Oak Street, Lebanon. Interment will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery with Full Military Honors. Viewing will be held on Tuesday from 10-12 Noon prior to the service. Contributions in his honor may be made to the American Red Cross, 1220 Mifflin Street, Lebanon, PA 17046.

PDF Printable Version

Tribute Wall

NT

“ *The Rose Beyond the Wall* Near a shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light, Watered and fed by the
morning dew, Shedding it's sweetness day and night. As it grew and
blossomed fair and tall, Slowly rising to loftier height, It came to a
crevice in the wall Through which there shone a beam of light.
Onward it crept with added strength With never a thought of fear or
pride, It followed the light through the crevice's length And unfolded
itself on the other side. The light, the dew, the broadening view
Were found the same as they were before, And it lost itself in
beauties new, Breathing it's fragrance more and more. Shall claim
of death cause us to grieve And make our courage faint and fall?
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive-- The rose still grows beyond the
wall, Scattering fragrance far and wide Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side, Just as it will forevermore. I love
you, dad Nancy

Nancy A Miller Thomas - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *The boys Will miss their PapPap. especially Zachery with the
lawnmower rides and taking his tomatoes while he was trying to
dehydrate them....*

jeff walters and family - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Beautiful write up! I am sure he is up there fishing with Nanny. Love
you Pap!*

Amanda Musser - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM