

Charles "Mike" Miller
Charlottesville, VA

Date of Death: 12/8/2004

"Charles W. Miller, M. D., Professor Emeritus, died peacefully at his home on December 8, 2004. He had been ill for several years with amyloidosis and congestive heart failure.

Mike was born in Wichita, Kansas on November 13, 1937. He was the son of the late Charles W. Miller and Patricia Gaines Talbott of Charlottesville. Mike is survived by his devoted wife of 41 years, Lorna D. (Derry) Miller and his daughter, Heather Miller Coons and her husband Mark, of Charlotte, N.C. and his son Sean Andrew Miller and his wife Susan of Charlottesville. Also surviving are two grandchildren: Hailey Lorna Coons and John Franklin Coons. Mike is survived by his brother Dr. William G. Talbott and his wife Polly and their four children: Lindsay, Wesley, Laurie and William and brother in law Dr. Donald Allen and Nancy of Windsor, Ontario and their sons Christopher and James.

Mike graduated from Wichita East High School and received a B.A. from Dartmouth College in 1959. While at Dartmouth he was a member of the rugby team which went to England as part of President Eisenhower's People to People program; the Dartmouth team defeated almost all of the British teams. Mike earned his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 1961 and taught finance at The University of Connecticut before working at The New England Merchants' National Bank in Boston.

Following his dream of becoming a physician, Mike graduated from The University of Virginia School of Medicine in 1969. While in medical school he served as president of his class, the first president of the Mulholland Society and was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, The Raven Society and Omicron Delta Kappa. During his residency he served as a Captain in the United States Air Force Reserve. Following the completion of his internship and residency in Orthopaedic Surgery, he joined the Orthopedic Faculty at The University of Virginia Medical Center.

In 1977 he began private practice at Martha Jefferson Hospital where he served as Chief of Surgery 1985-1987. In 1994 he returned to returned to The University of Virginia Medical Center where he became Acting Chairman of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery from 1998 until he retired in 2001. He served as Medical Director, JCAHO Review for the Health Sciences Center in 1996.

Mike loved flying and was proud of earning his pilot's license including instrument certification. He was honored with the Outstanding Medical Alumnus Award by the University of Virginia in May 1993. Mike served on a number of boards including: St. Anne's Belfield School, the University of Virginia Medical School Foundation, Farmington Country Club and the Charlottesville Free Clinic.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The University of Virginia Medical Alumni Association and Medical School Foundation, P. O. Box 800776, Health System, Charlottesville, VA 22908-0776

The family wishes to thank Dr. James Bergin, Dr. Kenneth Ballew, and Dr. Maureen Ross, Becky Mimms, R.N., Terri Goodwin, R.N. and all the wonderful caregivers who helped during Mike's long illness. Internment will be private for family only. We will celebrate Mike's life with a public service in January 2005."