Stuart Miller

July 20, 1949 - May 4, 2025

Stuart Michael Miller passed away on Sunday, May 4, 2025, in the loving company of his children, Melanie Miller and Josh and Tamar Miller, his brother and sister, Fred Miller and Valerie Novy, and his spouse, Lolly Friedman Miller. He was the adored and adoring grandfather of Avigail, Chava, Yocheved, Hadassah, and Efraim Miller. He is also survived by Melanie and Josh's mother, Rosalee Berwald, and his nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephew, each of whom was very special to him.

Stuart was born on July 20, 1949, in Mobile, Alabama, to Leatrice and David Miller, each of blessed memory. He enjoyed a very happy childhood, sharing paper routes with Fred, participating In Boy Scouts activities and even attending a Jamboree in Virginia, lifeguarding at the Mobile Country Club (You can imagine why he especially liked this job.), hanging out with his friends in the Walton Avenue neighborhood, and spending time with his grandparents, aunts and uncles, and many, many cousins. He attended the University of Alabama and the University of Houston, during which time he served in the U.S.A.F. Reserves, and after which, he graduated with an accounting degree from The University of Texas. After using his accounting degree for a few years working at a subsidiary of Pennzoil, under the mentorship of his friend, Guy Cordell, he opened Alief Vacuum & Sewing Center, a business that he successfully operated for close to 50 years, stopping only a few weeks before his death. Stuart made great friends in all the places where he worked and

played, and he stayed in touch with many of them all his life.

Stuart loved the water. As a boy, he was a competitive diver and, in adulthood, he enjoyed scuba diving, especially with Fred and Josh. He became a pickleballer when that craze took off and even played with an oxygen concentrator on his back when his lungs began to falter. He also loved fast cars. His 2022 Mid-Engine Corvette was his pride and joy. His other loves included good deals, fast food, and anything fried. He will be remembered for his sweet smile and twinkling eyes, his quiet charity, and his unique sense of humor that left others, and most importantly himself, laughing.

In the spring of 2018, Stuart was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, a disease for which there is presently no cure. He was fortunate to receive a lung transplant in the winter of 2023. Unfortunately, despite his valiant efforts and those of Dr. Rahat Hussain and his transplant team at Memorial Hermann Hospital, after 17 months under the influence of immuno-suppressing anti-rejection drugs, Stuart's lungs failed him. The family is very grateful for the brilliant, dedicated, and compassionate care that Stuart received from his team and all the nurses and other professionals who took care of him at the Hospital and for the outpouring of love and support from his family members and friends.

If you are inclined to make a charitable donation in Stuart's memory, the family suggests the Pulmonary Fibrosis Association at https://www.pfassociation.org/donate or 1525 Lakeville Drive, Suite 101, Kingwood, TX 77339; the Stuart Miller Fund for the Support of Lung Transplant Patients at the Houston Jewish Community Foundation (Fund# 80172) at http://www.hjcf.org in the donation section or 5603 South Braeswood Blvd., Houston, TX 77096; or the charity of your choice.

A funeral service took place on Tuesday, May 6, 2024, in the Kagan-Rudy

Chapel at Emanu El Memorial Park, 8341 Bissonnet Street, Houston, TX 77074.

Previous Events

Cemetery Chapel Service

MAY **6**. 3:30 PM (CT)

Kagan-Rudy Chapel at Emanu El Memorial Park
8341 Bissonnet Street
Houston, TX 77074

Tribute Wall

RS

I Use to go to alief vacuum and he was wonderful. OVER 47 years ago. Infact many machines were bought from him. We would talk and laugh and share our family stores. He was a mensch with me. Truly a wonderful kind man. Sometimes I was gifted to see him at parties or whatever. We would always twinkle with each other. I truly enjoyed him. Know this. Grief is love. May his memory give you blessings in Years to come.

Rochelle Stein - June 15, 2025 at 05:57 PM

HB

Unfortunately I have not known Stuart for a very long time. I was invited to play pickelball with him and a group of members at the J. He was eager to play and always had some good jokes to share. Even with an air tank on his back, he played very well and always took his turn to play.
Everyone in our group will miss his smile and his competitive spirit.

Best regards,
Howard Burnett

Howard Burnett - May 09, 2025 at 03:37 PM

VS

Stuart was the kindest most supportive member of the pulmonary circle group which he was part of for the past 4 years. His humor and wonderful view of the world was refreshing and encouraging. He lived his best life with all he had. He will be missed, rest now my friend.

Vickie Stock - May 08, 2025 at 02:35 PM

MR

I am so incredibly grateful to have virtually met Stuart through our weekly Pulmonary group. He always made us smile and laugh! We were all rooting for him through is struggles. I am better to have had him in my life. May his memory be for a blessing.

Marci Rosing McCalley (fellow transplant recipient)

Mrci - May 08, 2025 at 02:15 PM

PS

It was always a treat to take my daughter to see Melanie or to pick her up. It meant I got to see Stuart and his contagious smile. He always was one of the most pleasant people, and his smile and laughter live on in my head for always. I hope the happy memories of him will help fill some of the emptiness his death has caused for his wonderful family. He truly was one of life's treasures.
Trisha Simon, Mary's mother

Patricia Simon - May 06, 2025 at 08:10 PM

MB

I grew up in Mobile and I met Stuart in a high school typing class. I would look over and Stuart would be focused and serious! As a result, he was one of the best! I last saw Stuart at our 50th high school reunion in May, 2017. On the night before the reunion, a classmate hosted a party at his old Antebellum home in Mobile. We all had to park in a Church parking lot across the street. As we were beginning to walk, I hear a car horn that honks twice. Immediately, I saw Stuart's smile through the windshield which was just about as big as the windshield. We all had a good time walking together to the party, exchanging fun stories.
Stuart was one of a kind and I whole heartedly mean that ! I will miss his happy and easy going ways! RIP, my friend!

maury brook - May 06, 2025 at 07:54 PM

GP

Lolly, my condolences to you and Stuart's family. You were both such a bright light in my Houston journey, and I loved getting to meet Stuart there. Sending you so many prayers of comfort, may his memory be a blessing to you. Hugs

Gina Paridy - May 06, 2025 at 05:50 PM

CV

YES, that's how I will remember Stuart, "He will be remembered for his sweet smile and twinkling eyes, his quiet charity, and his unique sense of humor that left others, and most importantly himself, laughing." A sweet soul and long-time friend. Candis Couch Varnell

Candis Couch Varnell - May 06, 2025 at 03:39 PM

AK

Stuart was one of a kind! We loved him and will miss everything about him. May his memory be forever a blessing to all whose lives he touched.
Amy & Jerry Steiger

Amy KSteiger - May 06, 2025 at 06:12 PM