



Darrel Miner

June 22, 1946 - June 27, 2021

Darrel Ray Miner, 75, of Tulsa, OK, passed away Sunday, June 27, 2021 in Tulsa after a year-long battle with cancer. Darrel was born June 22, 1946 in Independence, KS to parents Forrest and Mary Miner (Clover). While growing up, he lived on a farm 2 miles west of Sycamore, KS and attended a one-room school house (Lone Elm) for grades 1 thru 8. As a bright young lad he finished that school a year early because he completed the work of 2nd and 3rd grades during one school year. He attended high schools in Neodesha, Cherryvale and graduated from Independence High School in 1963.

Darrel married his girlfriend from Cherryvale, KS, Nancy Sue Clark on Nov 8, 1963. Between 1964 and 1966 a son and a daughter were born. As a teenager Darrel suffered a serious injury that broke his back in 3 places, which caused some problems the rest of his life. During this time of surgeries and rehabilitation, Darrel decided to accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior and was baptized into Christ. In 1966, Darrel graduated from Independence Community College with straight A's.

At 20 years old, he moved his young family to Lawrence, KS, to attend Kansas University where he earned a B.S. in Pharmacy in 1969 and became a Registered Pharmacist (RPh) in Kansas (later in 2001 he was grandfathered in to be a DPH –

Doctor of Pharmacy in Oklahoma). Along the way two more sons were born in 1967 and 1971.

Darrel was the Director of Pharmacy at the Labette County Medical Center in Parsons, KS, for 7 years. He was zealously involved in evangelistic church work in Parsons and Cherryvale, leading several people to Christ. He graduated from a 2-year preaching school in Elk City, OK, and graduated from the Garnett Road Academy of Christian Education in Tulsa.

In Nov. 1977, Darrel moved his family from Cherryvale, KS, to Tulsa, OK, and was a Staff Pharmacist at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa for nearly 40 years. Darrel and Nancy

were divorced in 1981. In the early 1980's Darrel set a goal for himself to run in the Tulsa Run (9.3 miles). He trained, managed his back pain, and successfully ran the Tulsa Run three years in a row.

In the summer of 1985, Darrel met Linda L. Walker and they were married on Oct 4, 1987. Darrel and Linda were involved at the Garnett Church of Christ across 30 years working with the Singles Ministry, where Darrel was the self-appointed minister of hugging. They touched the lives of many souls as they facilitated Divorce Recovery and Grief Recovery groups both at Garnett and the Downtown Bixby Church of Christ, where they were long-time members. Darrel served as a pharmacist on two medical missions to Guyana in 1998 & 1999, with Linda joining him on the 2nd trip.

Darrel's main hobby was genealogy; to him it was a treasure hunt. He was passionate and doggedly persistent in locating information about the many relatives and forefathers tracing back to the early 1600's. He and Linda traveled to Pike County, Ohio and located the graves of his great-great-grandfather Miner and great-great-great-grandfather Miner. They also traveled to Stonington, CT and found the burial site of LT Thomas Minor, the first Miner/Minor immigrant, born in 1608.

Darrel was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his beloved wife, Linda, of nearly 34 years; his only brother Thomas O. Miner; 3 sons: Robert Dwane, Gary Ray and Jeffrey Todd Miner; 1 daughter, Donna Sue Miner; 12 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, many nephews and nieces.

The family acknowledges and appreciates the Supportive Care Solutions and Miller Hospice, Dr. Timothy Holder and staff. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Darrel Miner may be made to Sunset International Bible Institute, New Mexico Christian Children's Home, or In Search of the Lord's Way.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 3 from 10 am - 6 pm at Floral Haven Funeral Home with family present from 4 pm - 6 pm.

Services will be at 11 am on Monday, July 5 at the Bixby Church of Christ.

Cemetery

Floral Haven Cemetery
6420 S. 129th E. Ave.
Broken Arrow, OK, 74012

Events

JUL 3 Visitation 10:00AM - 06:00PM

Floral Haven Funeral Home
6500 S. 129th E. Ave., Broken Arrow, OK, US, 74012

JUL 5 Funeral Service 11:00AM

Downtown Bixby Church of Christ
15802 S Memorial Dr, Bixby, Ok, US, 74008

Comments



“ Darrel and Linda accepted me into their lives and their families' lives over 30 years ago. I am beyond blessed to know them. Darrel will be missed. May God continually pour His richest blessings on them.

Marilyn Salyer - July 03 at 01:54 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Darrel Miner.



July 01 at 06:17 PM



“ Your Kaiser MIS family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Darrel Miner.



Your Kaiser MIS family - July 01 at 02:34 PM



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June 30 at 10:28 PM



“ I was blessed to meet my long lost cousins, Linda and Darrel when they traveled to Pickett Kentucky after Linda and I found one another through DNA on Ancestry. Our great grandfathers were (are) brothers and were thrilled to find one another. I was so deeply moved by Darrel’s love and support for Linda as she traveled to an unknown family to find all the answers she and her mother had looked for many years. I immediately loved them both...we were FAMILY and I was blessed to see Darrel’s love for God in his interest, kindness and gentleness he shared with and all of their “New Family” I know I will see Darrell again one day and we will all celebrate our Heavenly Reunion. I love you, Linda. 😊

Millie Pickett - June 30 at 05:01 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Darrel Miner.



June 30 at 04:06 PM



“ I first met Darrel in 2005 when I attended a divorce recovery group he and his wife Linda led. His love for Christ was apparent in how he cared for all of us who were hurting. He was a wonderful listener and although I’m sad he’s gone from us he left a tremendous legacy of hugs that changed the hearts and lives of many and earned him a forever place in our hearts.

Starla Hunter - June 29 at 10:56 PM



“ Heartfelt condolences to the entire Miner family. We are keeping you in our hearts and our prayers.

The Entire Miller Hospice Family

Miller Hospice - June 29 at 05:01 PM



“ Darrell was always such a sweet, kind quiet guy who loved Jesus and His family. He was the epitome of a servant with a servants heart. The welcome home party has started!!!

Ethelene Davis - June 28 at 10:46 PM



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Milton Miller - June 28 at 09:39 PM



“ I worked with Darrel at St. John for 5 years. He was a genuinely kind man. I volunteer with Bugles Across America and if he was a veteran, i would like to offer my services to sound Taps for him.

Thomas Kennedy - June 28 at 07:52 PM



“ Darrel seemed to have that kind and gentle spirit about him. Each time we spoke I left relaxed and calm because of the way conversation just flowed from him. Heaven will definitely be a sweeter place because of Darrel. He raised good kids and I know they will miss him deeply. What a celebration there will be now for the Miner family when they see Darrel face to face the next time!

Mike Hancock - June 29 at 09:03 AM



“ Darrel and I grew up together in Sycamore, Kansas. He was a cousin who was like a brother. I will miss you, cousin.

Norm Starks - June 29 at 09:10 PM