



Otha Miles

October 29, 1943 - August 10, 2008

Services for Ret. Col. Otha Gayland Miles, 64, of Tyler will be held on Friday August 15, 2008 at 9:00 AM at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler with Pastor Joe Ward and Dr. Bill Moore officiating. Burial will follow in the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas at 2:30 PM. Gayland passed away on August 10, 2008 at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler. He was born on October 29, 1943 in Woodville, Texas to the late Otha and Leah Belle Miles. Gayland graduated from Kirby High School in 1962 where he lettered four years for the Kirby High School Eagle football team. In August of 1962 he entered Trinity University where he played football, joined ROTC, became a member of the Triniteers and received both a B.S. in Mathematics and Masters in Hospital Administration. During that time Gayland also played semi-pro football for the San Antonio Toros. In 1967 he entered the United States Army and began a distinguished 25 year career of military service. During that time Gayland served in numerous positions in the medical service corp which included air ambulance aviator (Dust Off), hospital administrator, company and battalion commander, and staff officer at the Army Surgeon General's Office. Gayland achieved numerous awards and commendations during his service and retired at the rank of Colonel in 1994. After retiring Gayland worked for American Medical Response, Havenwood Caregivers and ETMC. At the time of his death Gayland was the Director of Operations and Regional Manager at East Texas Medical Center. He was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler and a former member of

Walnut Ridge Baptist Church in Mansfield. Mr. Miles is survived by a loving family including his wife of 33 years, Kathie Lawler Miles of Tyler; son, David Gayland Miles of Dallas; daughter, Lindsey Nicole Miles of Euless; sister, Lavelle Bush of Woodville; brother, Gary Miles of Tyler; two aunts, Eleanor Hurst of Austin and Maudis Miles of Jasper; two uncles, Cotton Miles and wife Lue of Wills Point, and David Wayne Miles and wife Ollie of New Mexico; and nephew, Troy Miles of Woodville. He will be remembered by his family and friends for his enthusiasm for work, cheerful spirit with peers, accomplished leadership and commitment to being the best dad to his children and an excellent provider for his family who he loved so much. Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, August 14 from 6 pm to 8 pm at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler. Memorials in honor of Otha Gayland Miles may be made to Green Acres Baptist Church Benevolent Fund, 1607 Troup Highway, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Tribute Wall



“ *RIP Friend.*

Leon Robertson - August 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Otha Miles*

August 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gayland was a great friend. I always thought of him as a Colonel. He was a great leader who took care great care of me. I treasure his friendship and mentoring.*

I offer a prayer for my departed friend, "Lord, grant him eternal rest, and may perpetual light shine upon him."

For the family, I will remember you in my prayers, may you receive comfort and healing.

May he rest in peace.

Julius Jackson - August 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to Gayland's family in the loss of your loved one. Our families grew up close, and he and I graduated high school together. I know that he will be greatly missed.*

Nancy Hanks Smith - August 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Gayland's death. We were in school together from first grade to senior year. I remember him as such a smart, nice and athletic person. We shared a lot of wonderful school activities and I have heard about his wonderful years from other classmates.

My condolences to his family.

Gloria and John Ogden

Gloria Grammer Ogden - August 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Always, Gayland was a good friend and a good guy.

Wayne Witt - August 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy in your loss. We will truly miss Gayland.

F. E. Shaheen - August 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I will so very much miss him. He is a Great Man who has left a profound impression on the life of my family and I. I have no doubts that he is seated with our Lord in the comfort he so deserves. I am so sorry for the earthly loss.

Jeff Popp - August 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gaylond ,

Thank you for all the help with everything i needed. You will always remain in my heart as a wonderfull friend who gave all to his job and his employees. Anyone who knew you was trully blessed by your hospitality. God place your hand on the soul of this wonderfull man. For i hope to see him again. LOVE YOU O.G.

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ROGER SMART - August 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM