



CMSGT Bruce Allen "Bam Bam" Miller

June 17, 1935 - May 20, 2025

CMSGT Bruce Allen Miller "Bam Bam", age 89 of Belleville, IL, died Tuesday, May 20, 2025, in Highland, IL.

He was born on Monday, June 17, 1935, in Oil City, PA, the son of Walter "Pete" and Gertrude (nee Mae) Miller.

On Friday, October 4, 1957, he married Elizabeth "Betty" Anne Miller (nee Freeman), who survives.

He was a member of the Belleville VFW Post #1739.

Bruce was born in Oil City, PA and attended schools there. He spent 30 years in the US Air Force, retiring from the military career as a Chief Master Sergeant. After the military, he went on to work at Raytheon. Bruce had a great sense of humor and loved to joke around with people. He enjoyed bowling, fishing and reading. Bruce cherished family time and especially loved going to his great grandson's soccer games.

Survivors include:

Wife - Elizabeth "Betty" Anne Miller, nee Freeman, Belleville, IL

Daughter - Sheryl (Brian) Frierdich, Cottage Hills, IL

Son - John Miller, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Alena (Daniel) Yousaf
Grandchild - Beth (Cody Reller) Friedrich
Grandchild - Quentin Miller
Great Grandchild - Ethan Reller

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Walter "Pete" Eugene Miller
Mother - Gertrude Lucinda Miller, nee Mae
Daughter-In-Law - Wendy Agnew
Brother & Sister-In-Law - William "Bill" (Irene) Miller
Sister & Brother-In-Law - Delores (Richard "Dutch") Fleischmann
Sister & Brother-In-Law - Anna (James "Red") Brown
Father & Mother-In-Law - Edward & Lena (nee Bradley) Freeman

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM on Monday, June 2, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 2, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL with Pastor Dan Perry, officiating.

Interment will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

Memorial contributions may be made to BJC Hospice or American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
1501 9th Street
P.O. Box 187
Highland, IL 62249
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Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest condolence. May all your wonderful memories bring comfort to your hearts💕 Cousin Karen and the whole Brown family

Karen Borwn - June 02, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of CMSGT Bruce Allen "Bam Bam" Miller.



May 31, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of CMSGT Bruce Allen "Bam Bam" Miller.

May 30, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of CMSGT Bruce Allen "Bam Bam" Miller.



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“ Mary and I first met Bruce and Betty over 40 years ago. We were just starting our Air Force career in the early 1980's while they were winding down theirs. It was always great being around the Chief!! After he retired, we would often invade his house in Shiloh with our four kids. We had birthday parties there and even showed up once or twice on Christmas Eve. He loved having us and we always looked forward to seeing him. We would have a beer or two and we'd tell stories about being stationed here and there and he always seemed to have a joke or two up his sleeve—we did that for several years before we PCS'd to Alaska. However, we still stayed in touch. One time Bruce surprised us when he showed up at our son's wedding in Indiana in the mid 2000's in a larger RV. He loved traveling and seeing new places, so I guess that really wasn't too surprising. Bruce has meant so much to me and our family over the 40 plus years! We might have gone an extended period of time (or two) without talking, but it was still good to know that we could pick up that phone and he'd be there. He was a role model, mentor, adopted grandfather—a person you could count on, and he will be missed...God Bless You Chief and may you rest in peace our dear friend!

Scott & Mary Riester - May 26, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of CMSGT Bruce Allen "Bam Bam" Miller.



May 26, 2025 at 03:11 PM