



Allen B Miles

June 8, 1932 - May 26, 2017

Allen Blake Miles, 84 of Goose Creek, SC, died peacefully at MUSC May 26, 2017.

Allen was born June 8, 1932 in Kapuskasing, Ontario, Canada, son of Lewes Weston Miles and Valmer Ardell Blake Miles. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Summerville, SC. He graduated from Auburn University in 1954 with a degree in chemical engineering. He worked for Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester NY as an Industrial Engineer before enlisting with the United States Air Force. He married Elenor Jean Rice July 17, 1955 prior to deployment to Osan, Korea. He was honorably discharged in August, 1956. In June, 1957 he was transferred to Eastman Chemical Company, manufacturing division, in Kingsport, TN, working first in the Cellulose Esters Division and later in the Acid Division. In 1974 he was put in charge of a \$500 million expansion project at Carolina Eastman Company in Columbia, SC. In 1989 he was transferred back to Eastman Chemical in Kingsport as Vice-President of International Business Development and remained there until retiring in 1993. His 39-year career took him around the globe. Allen was a long distance runner. He competed in the 1979 Boston Marathon and dozens of Cooper Bridge Runs, including the first one. He ran along the Great Wall of China and at Ground Zero in Hiroshima, Japan. He loved to fish. Most of all, he loved his family, his friends, a good joke and making people laugh.

He is survived by his wife Jean of 61 years, daughters Lisa Foster and Lori Hamilton, and 5 grandchildren.

Services will be private.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.jamesadyal.com.

In lieu of flowers the family requests a donation to the Center for Birds of Prey, PO Box 1247, Charleston, SC 29402.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 S. MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843) 873-4040.

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear of Allen's passing. I knew his parents well. Aunt Velmer was my grandfather's (Harold Blake) sister. I use to take my grandparents to Toddy Pond in Maine when they were building their camp every summer. I miss those visits. I talked with Howard a few years ago as I was doing the family genealogy. We talked for over an hour and he invited us to come down and visit. My prayers and thoughts are with you and Allen' family. I know you have many happy memories and phots to enjoy and remember him by..

Jerry Godin,
Skowhegan, Maine

Gerard Godin - May 18, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ Allen B Miles

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ Hello Jean, I had some really great times with Allen in some very difficult places. One of the funniest men I have known in the world. He really knew how to laugh. Nina and I were recently in KPT and I mentioned Allen to her just as we passed by the neighborhood. Our thoughts are with you at this time.

Jim McGee

Jim McGee - May 31, 2017 at 01:32 PM

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“ Jean,

Peace and Comfort from the Comforter to you. What a lovely gentleman you were married to! What a lovely couple the two of you have been and will always be...now and for eternity. I am so glad I have had the fun and joy of knowing both of you!

Love, Mike Lumpkin +

Mike Lumpkin - May 31, 2017 at 08:55 AM

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“ Jean, Lisa, Lori, I am so sorry for Allen's passing. My heart aches for each of you. I am ever grateful that I met Allen all those years ago...running together, his influence, his jokes his dealing to get me some great baseball cards including Pete Rose's rookie card (I still have it!!) ...he has been a Hero to me and I will never forget him. Praying daily for the Miles, Hamilton and Foster Families. Love, Kim & Neil Derrick.

Neil Derrick - May 30, 2017 at 07:25 AM

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Jean: Allen, made a major impact on my Eastman career. I first worked closely with him in Kingsport, and he was the one who negotiated to get me relocated to Carolina Eastman in 1974. He was an amazing boss, and I thoroughly enjoyed working for him. I will never forget the impact he made on me when he introduced me to running and showed his love for the sport by completing the Boston Marathon. I could write a book on him. I offer your family my prayers. Allen was a unique individual and will be missed.

Bob L. Cox - May 30, 2017 at 07:58 AM

JK

Dear Jean, I thoroughly enjoyed working with Allen in Kingsport in the 90's. He was such a joy and made working fun. Out of the 40+ bosses I had at Eastman, he was definitely one of my favorites. He loved you and his daughters deeply. I will be thinking about all of you.

Jean Kendrick

Jean Kendrick - June 01, 2017 at 09:03 AM