



## Mark Lee Miller

December 30, 1961 - April 14, 2021

Mark Lee Miller passed away April 14, 2021 after a long battle with Lewy Body Dementia. He was born December 30th 1961 in Cedar Falls, IA to Lee and Donnabelle Miller.

He graduated from Northern University High School in 1980, and then attended the University of Iowa. During college Mark began an long career in U.S. Politics.

In 1982, he landed his first campaign job as the Field Staff Coordinator for Cooper Evans for Congress. In 1987, he became the Director of Finance for the Republican Party of Iowa and during his tenure there initiated the now nationally recognized Iowa Straw Pole. Mark also held the positions of Deputy Finance Chairman at the Republican National Committee; Deputy Co-Chairman of the NYC Host Committee 2004 RNC Convention; Founder and Executive Director of the Republican Leadership Council; and Deputy Director of Finance for Dole for President campaign. Mark went on to found his own consulting and fundraising company, the Buckshot Group.

In 1991 he married Deborah Minkoff and together they welcomed two wonderful children, the loves of his life, Adam and Lauren. Mark, an Iowan at heart, lived 30+ years in the Washington, D.C area but was lucky to come home to Iowa in his last years.

Mark is survived by his son Adam Miller of Washington D.C. and daughter

Lauren Miller of Tempe, AZ. his mother, Donnabelle Miller, sisters Lynn Trautmann (Ken) and Amy Miller (Todd Steyer) all of Cedar Falls, and brother, Matt Miller (Laura) Of Ankeny, IA many nieces and nephews and longtime best friend and former fiancé Grace Boatright. He was proceeded in death by father Lee Miller, both sets of grandparents, and numerous others who loved him.

Before his death Mark put his faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior and we look forward to spending eternity with him.

Mark's last act of selflessness was to donate his brain to the Brain Network for further study of Lewy Body Dementia. In lieu of flowers, his family requests charitable contributions in memory of Mark Miller be made to the Brain Support Network, PO Box 7264, Menlo Park, CA 94026, [www.brainsupportnetwork.org](http://www.brainsupportnetwork.org)

A Celebration of Life service will be held this summer.

# Previous Events

## Gathering

JUN 19. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Kieran and Sara Mahoney purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mark Lee Miller.*



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**Kieran and Sara Mahoney** - June 15, 2021 at 02:30 PM

TK

“ *Mark's passing is a profoundly sad event for me since I have enjoyed both his professional and personal company since the mid 1980s. Mark brought me into the Bob Dole Family which brought me great satisfaction and a sense of national activity and commitment. Mark will be missed, I am certain, by his Family, Friends and Colleagues. RIP, Ted Kratovil, Arlington, Virginia*

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**Ted Kratovil** - April 27, 2021 at 08:45 AM

SG

“ *I was honored to share Mark's political journey as a colleague, a mentor, and as a friend. He was a bright man with a big brain and a bigger heart. I'm sad beyond words. My heart and sympathies go out to all his family and friends. Rest in Peace great friend. My God bless you in heaven.*

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**Steve Gordon** - April 24, 2021 at 04:44 PM

SS

“ Dear Mrs. Miller, Amy and Matt,  
I am so sorry to hear Mark passed away. I was not aware that your beautiful dad had passed away too. I am sorry for both your losses. What great people they both were. Some of my fondest memories are of all of you! I always loved hanging out with Mark and being in your home. It was filled with love, laughter, and kindness. I loved sitting in Mark's room talking and laughing and running all over the backyards of our neighborhood. My heart and prayers are with you all. I hope your memories, like mine, will help ease the sadness. How fortunate I am to have known them both and all of you.  
All my love,  
Sara Sulentic

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**Sara Sulentic** - April 19, 2021 at 11:25 AM

MA

“ Manette Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mark Lee Miller



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**Manette Anderson** - April 16, 2021 at 09:44 PM

MF

“ Morrissey Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mark Lee Miller.



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**Morrissey Family** - April 16, 2021 at 02:07 PM