



## Joseph J. Miles

July 31, 1931 - October 13, 2020

Joseph John Miles - "Joe" - lived a full life. He was born in Weehawken, New Jersey on July 31, 1931, to the late Francis and Anna Baecker Miles. Joe passed away on October 13, 2020, at the age of 89. May he Rest In Peace.

The beloved husband of the late Cora Lanphear Miles. Loving father of Dr. Joseph Shawn Miles "Shawn", and David Francis Miles (fiancé Elizabeth Anne Flynn). Cherished grandfather of Katherine Olivia Miles, Elizabeth Rose Miles, Liam Joseph Miles, Nicholas Shawn Miles, and Lucas Alexander Miles.

Joe is also survived by his niece Margaret Ann Gorman Hill and nephews Patrick and Christopher Gorman. He is predeceased by his sister, Anne Veronica Miles Gorman, and brother, Fr. Cassian "Francis" Miles.

Following in the footsteps of his older brother Francis, as a young man he was ordained a Catholic Priest. He later became a Professor of Theology at St. Bonaventure University, where

he met Sonia Rosemarie Anderson. They married five years later, and soon had two sons, Shawn and David.

Joe was always driven by a desire to help people in need. He went on to work as an investigator for the Division of Veterans Affairs of the U.S. Department of Labor in New York, and later, in Atlanta, Georgia. He excelled at rooting out discrimination against War Veterans in the workplace, fighting for their rights and securing litigation when necessary, finding counseling for them when needed, and providing assistance in any way he could. The work was difficult both emotionally and spiritually, and it gave him much satisfaction.

He was a talented visual artist who made excellent photographs and drawings. Reading, writing, and singing were big passions as well, and he amassed a collection of nearly one thousand movies. In the kitchen he created fantastic lasagna, formidable baked ziti, and a singular mac and cheese. All were eagerly consumed by his sons and their friends.

An enthusiastic jogger who ran in many races, he loved to travel and was able to explore much of the United States. His favorite destination was Colorado, where he relished getting lost on back roads in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. An acknowledgement of the connection among all things fed his interest in Buddhism, where he found further philosophical ground. The writings of Thomas Merton had also been a great inspiration for him. The mountains

touched a nerve.

Joe found love again after moving to Georgia, where he met his second wife, Cora Lanphear.

She was a talented artist herself. They purchased a home in Cumming, Georgia, and enjoyed their later years with travel and cooking and creating art, from painting to ceramics. They loved each other dearly and gave each other gifts of dinners and flowers and notes and letters without need of any occasion.

Perhaps his greatest passion was simply spending time with his family, children and cherished Dalmatian, "Spot". He was involved in all aspects of his children's lives; a patient listener and wise counselor. Joe happily spent countless hours with them playing catch, playing chess, and playing make-believe. He somehow found the time to attend every soccer match, music recital, and award ceremony for his two children. On the sidelines, his was the loudest and most passionate voice cheering the team on to victory.

A loving, kind, intelligent, and generous man - who will be very profoundly missed by any and all of the lives he touched.

Relatives and friends are invited to pay their respects to Joe and his family at Givnish of Marlton, 398 East Main Street, on Saturday, October 24, from 10 am to 11 am.

His funeral

service will begin at 11am. Masks, social distancing, and crowd restrictions will be enforced at

the funeral home and the cemetery. We ask that if you are not staying for the service, please

pay your respects and exit the building to allow other guests to come through.

Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, 340 Ridge Road, North Arlington, NJ (private ceremony).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Marlton  
398 E Main St  
Marlton, NJ 08053  
(856) 452-5090  
info@givnish.com

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Givnish Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Joseph J. Miles*



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**Givnish Funeral Home** - October 24, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ *Givnish Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph J. Miles*



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**Givnish Funeral Home** - October 23, 2020 at 09:39 AM

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*I am so sorry for your loss. I wish I had known him earlier. He was obviously beloved.*

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**sue** - October 23, 2020 at 11:19 AM

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*We are saying an earthly goodbye to this uniquely kind, generous, loving, patient and devoted husband, father, grandfather , brother, uncle and friend. The world is a better place because of how he lived his life. As we mourn his passing, let us be mindful of what St. Paul said to the Thessalonians, "... We do not grieve as those who have no hope..."*

*We believe the words of Jesus : " I am the Resurrection and the Life... he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live".*

*Rest in Peace dear Joe and May all the Souls of the Faithful departed, RIP. Amen*

*Sonia*

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**Sonia Miles** - October 24, 2020 at 10:44 AM

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*I met Joe back in the 70 and had the honored of working with him when he worked at the USDOL/VETS, today I thought about him and decided to look into his whereabouts to my surprise I learned of his passing. Joe was a wonderful co-worker and friend by me he will always be missed. Farewell Joe, loved you, Iris Sánchez. R.I.P.*

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**Iris N. Sánchez-González** - September 07, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ *Joseph J. Miles*

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September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Miles.*



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October 23, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Miles.* ”



October 23, 2020 at 02:57 PM



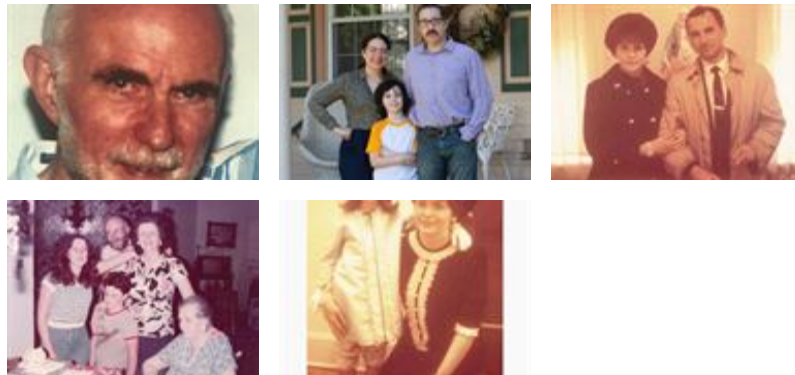
“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Miles.* ”



October 23, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ *79 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



**Givnish Funeral Home** - October 23, 2020 at 09:36 AM