



Floyd "Milt" Milton Pugh

November 6, 1940 - December 17, 2021

Floyd Milton Pugh was a lifelong learner who, in his retirement, often greeted the newspaper carrier at the curb to get his hands on the latest edition of The Washington Post or the Wall Street Journal. The front page, politics, health and business sections were devoured first. But his favorite section was the obituaries - especially those of ordinary people with extraordinary stories. Well, Milt, with sadness and joy for a life well-lived, we hope you enjoy your place on this page!

Milt was born November 6, 1940 and died in Oklahoma City from complications from a stroke on December 17, 2021. He was the son of Milton Reed Pugh and Anna Louise Jacobs and was a big brother to his sister, Jo Frances Beauchamp. He grew up in Purcell, played sports, and attended Boy's State. He worked part-time as a janitor at the telephone company, joined the school marching band and was selected Outstanding Senior Boy at Purcell High school. While in high school he met Shirley Lack, of Norman, and they married on August 29, 1959. They defied the norms of their generation by both graduating from Central State College and waited six years to start a family. First came Chris (Karla Gutierrez-Pugh), then Stephanie (Andy Lattig) and later Beth (Will Madland).

Milt's interest in science led to a 40-year career in pharmaceutical and surgical equipment sales with Abbott Laboratories. He moved his family to Illinois and later to the Washington D.C. area for his career.

Milt had a quirky outlook on life. Upon retirement he calculated all the unpaid

over-time he did at work. With his work ethic, it was a lot! He often spoke of his plan to live until 92 to get that money back in his monthly pension checks. We bet his only regret was that he was 11 years shy of reaching that goal. Perhaps another regret was raising three children who later became Democrats. Yes, healthy political debates were encouraged in the Pugh family.

Milt looked forward to retirement, and here is where his story picks up speed. His very young boss, weary of Milt's threats of retirement, suggested he use up some vacation time. Milt took his newly purchased Honda Gold Wing motorcycle and drove the speed limit from Maryland to Oregon where he promptly put the bike up for sale. Soon he discovered Pilates. He began taking some classes and then decided to become a Pilates instructor in his late sixties. He often drove up to New York City to work with an instructor who was a student of Joseph Pilates.

Ten years ago, he and Shirley moved back to Oklahoma to be closer to his sister. Milt took loving care of Shirley in her advanced stages of Alzheimer's disease. He even taught chair Pilates classes to the memory care residents where Shirley stayed.

Milt and Shirley enjoyed 56 years of marriage together. When we called home to wish our parents a happy anniversary, we would always hear dad teasing in the background: "I'm not renewing this contract!" When Shirley died in 2016, we worried about Milt being lonely. Milt was reintroduced to the game of Duplicate Bridge and the points he acquired in the 1970's still counted. He went on to become a Life Master in Bridge, meeting new friends at the Fun & Games Duplicate Bridge Club in Oklahoma City. Milt loved investing, Costco and wearing colorful socks.

Milt is survived by his sister, three children, three grandchildren (Seaman Bradley Davis, Coleman and Ella Madland), as well as many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife, parents and stepfather, Dean Jacobs.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for you to think of Milt, who never stopped learning. Let's give each other permission to try something new.

Graveside Services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Monday, December 20, 2021, at Hillside Cemetery. Send online condolences @ www.wilsonlittle.com.

Tribute Wall

PE

“ *Person lit a candle in memory of Floyd "Milt" Milton Pugh*



person - May 22 at 09:40 AM

CB

“ *Dearest Beth-I guess I have reached an age in life where I too enjoy reading obituaries. I think of you often and occasionally will search the internet for loved ones of old friends. I'm so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Your mom and dad were such fabulous down to earth people with a familiar sense of humor. I'm sorry we have lost touch over the years. I hope you are doing well.*

Cathy Barker Brown - September 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *I met Milt just about 20 years ago when I decided to take a Pilates class at our local studio. It was a sad day when he had to leave the area.*

Milt was such a kind, caring, and thoughtful man, and an excellent teacher. I am sad to hear of his passing. Please know that many, many people in and around Hyattsville thought very highly of him. May he rest in peace with his beloved Shirley.

Christine C Hinojosa - January 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Y'all father looks familiar. I loved his life story. I don't I believe I have ever read a closing to his life! Thank you, I wept as Jesus did. Praise god for your father and in closing, we all can learn, I learned something today. Peace of Christ be with his family at a time of joy rejoicing in his memories

Jimmy Hudson - December 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Chris, Stephanie, Beth, and the rest of the family. Just wanted to reach out and let you know that you have our heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. It's comforting to know that Milt and Shirley are finally together.

Ester Gutierrez - December 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ Milt was truly a good person and will be missed by me and his fellow bridge players.

Bill Hill - December 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Jo, so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.



Joe or Angie Wallace - December 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM