



Sgt. Travis Miller

September 17, 1979 - January 19, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce Sergeant Travis Miller passed away Jan. 19, 2023 after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Travis was a dedicated husband, father, veteran and police officer who will truly be missed.

Sergeant Travis Miller was born and raised in Tampa, FL, and was a fifth generation Floridian. In 2000 after graduating High School, Sergeant Miller enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served as a Military Police Working Dog Handler, achieving the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Miller trained and certified three military working dogs during his active duty service, deploying with the United States Secret Service to New York City, NY and Camp David, Maryland. Sergeant Miller was stationed in Okinawa, JP and Cherry Point, NC where he served as the canine trainer for his unit.

In 2005, Sergeant Miller joined the Polk County Sheriff's Office. During his tenure he worked in a diversity of roles to include Uniform Patrol, the Proactive Community Attack On Problems Unit, as SWAT team member, as a Street Training Instructor, as a General Crimes Detective, and lastly as a Canine Handler. Sergeant Miller attended hundreds of hours of training while working for the Polk County Sheriff's Office including Investigative Interviews, Field Training Instructor, Basic SWAT School, Advanced SWAT School, SWAT and K9 interaction course, Line Supervision, FDLE General Instructor, and FDLE Canine Instructor to name a few.

In 2014, Sergeant Miller joined the Lakeland Police Department. During his tenure he worked in Uniform Patrol, and served as a Field Training Instructor

(FTO), a SWAT team member, a member of the Street Crimes Unit, and as a canine handler. Sergeant Miller had a combined 22 years of law enforcement experience.

Sergeant Miller is survived by his wife, Rebecca "Becky" Miller; children, Troy & Isabella "Bella" Miller; brother, Derek Carroll; father, Thomas Miller. He was predeceased by his mother, Donna Carroll; and grandmother, Gail Krikava.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 26th at 11 am at Victory Church, 1401 Griffin Rd. Lakeland, FL 33810. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lakeland Police Foundation. <https://checkout.square.site/merchant/XGTP2ZNAS9V1N/checkout/FEIGDPYFMJHXZREUDAZHAND2>

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Ave.
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Victory Church
1401 Griffin Road
Lakeland, FL 33810
<http://victorylakeland.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Sgt. Travis Miller*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - January 25, 2023 at 09:09 AM

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“ *I so remember the tears in my son's eyes when he told me the news that Travis was sick....not just tears but pain and sadness in those eyes. There was such a respect and love for Travis within the department! My heartfelt condolence for your family, Sherry Rethwisch, Mom of K9 Officer Alex Rethwisch & Kodiak, Badge 326, LPD*

Sherry Rethwisch - January 22, 2023 at 04:38 PM

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I'm so sorry to hear this. I considered him one of my sons. We will miss you, you will always be in our hearts. Say hello to Dorcas for me!

Deborah Ellicott - January 23, 2023 at 12:54 PM