



Bernard Prince Miller, Jr.

November 30, 2019

Bernard Prince Miller, Jr. died on November 30, 2019, following a long, hard-fought battle with Parkinson's Disease. He is survived by his daughter, Jenni Miller of Atlanta, Georgia, his former wife, Nancy Miller of Murfreesboro, his brothers Cato, Greg, Terry and Phillip, his nephews Travis, Levi, Franky, Shea, and Dustin all of Knoxville, Tennessee, and his longtime companion, Tiffani Duggan of Murphy, NC. He was preceded in death by his parents, B. Prince Miller, Sr. and Venice Engle Miller, also of Knoxville.

Prince was born on January 10, 1949, in Crossville, Tennessee. He attended public schools in Knoxville and was an outstanding basketball player for Knox Central High School, where he graduated in the Class of 1967. He then attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville for his undergraduate degree and later the University of Tennessee College of Law and graduated with his juris doctorate degree in December 1974.

Prince was a born trial lawyer and loved to tell stories to a captive audience both in and out of the courtroom. He launched a successful practice as a solo practitioner with offices next to Cleveland attorneys Andy and Gene Sinor. Later, he formed a partnership with David Humberd with offices on North Ocoee Street. Prince eventually purchased and renovated a historic building on Central Avenue, close to North Ocoee Street and the Bradley County Court House, which housed his law practice for the majority of his career.

He was a fixture within the Cleveland community. He had a general practice but tried a large number of cases, many with his law school friend and hunting buddy Andy Lewis, who practices in Chattanooga. Prince tried cases throughout East Tennessee, in both state and federal courts, as well as in Georgia and North Carolina. He was a genuine character in and out of court. He practiced in Cleveland from 1975 until he closed his office in December 2017. He was a life-long and ardent Democrat and was active in Democratic party politics in Bradley County for many years. He attended Westwood Baptist Church in Cleveland.

A great lover of the outdoors, Prince spent much of his free time hunting quail, ducks, and geese with his closest friends, Hon. Royce Taylor and Andy Lewis. He enjoyed hunting quail, grouse and woodcock with his brother Greg. He made an annual pilgrimage to the eastern shore to hunt ducks and geese in the 1970's 1980's and 1990's. He made 3 trips to South America duck hunting and travelled extensively in the US on hunting and fishing trips. He was an avid basketball fan and went to the NCAA tournament in Atlanta annually with several members of the Cleveland Bar Association.

Family and friends will gather for a memorial at Westwood Baptist Church in Cleveland, TN in the Fireside Room at 1:00 pm on Thursday, December 12, 2019.

Following the memorial, family will inter Prince's ashes during a private graveside service at the Greenwood Cemetery in Knoxville, Tennessee.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard Prince Miller, Jr.*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *After my Parkinson's Disease diagnosis, my primary care provider introduced me to Mayaka Natural Clinic and their PD Formula protocol, the herbal treatment has made a tremendous difference for me. My symptoms including numbness and muscle weakness all disappeared after the treatment plan! Their website is w w w. mayakanaturalclinic. c o m*

Amy Grahams - February 17, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Very Professional and classy guy growing up in Cleveland TN he was a regular at my dads cleaners(on first street ,Superior Cleaners) that was back in 1984 to 85 , still remember him with his fancy cars I believe the 1984 black I believe Fiero was that caught my i. very friendly customer , had great chats , since we just moved to the states from the UK.
R.I.P
Prince!*



Arvind Naik - September 01, 2020 at 10:30 PM

JC

“ He helped to make what was a very difficult time in my life something much more tolerable. He started out as the perfect attorney for me to work with and he became a friend. He has been missed, he will be missed. It is my regret that I did not keep up with him after he closed up shop. Totally my bad. God rest your soul Prince...

Jon E Christner - February 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Met Prince during a difficult time in my life, and because of his character and well-placed cavalier approach to things, made it all the easier. We became friends and managed to stay in touch despite the distances until he closed up shop. He was always be a warm memory in my life.

Jon E Christner - February 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ My sincerest condolences to Jenny, the family, and all the loved ones in his life. Prince was my mentor and friend, and I'm truly saddened by the news of his passing. I worked for him as a legal assistant for several years before finally taking his advice and going to law school many moons ago. I've always remembered and often recounted his description of being a trial lawyer. He told me plaintiff lawyers are the good guys. But, they are like the ol' bull dog chained in the backyard that nobody cares about, forgotten and mistreated, ...that is until someone needs him to come off the chain and lead the attack. Here's to the best bull dog trial lawyer I've ever known - may you rest in peace, my friend. You will be missed by many.

Kim Syfrett - December 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We always enjoyed working with Prince when he was in criminal court. He always made us laugh with a funny story...he will be missed...”

Denise Barnes - December 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Greg, So sorry for your loss. We pray for peace and comfort that only God can give.”

Doug and Mickie Hughes - December 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

OT

“ Sorry to hear about his passing, he was and still will be remembered as a great friend.”

Omar, Lecia Teague - December 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ I am glad I was able to work with Prince over the years. He was a good attorney and a pleasant person. He will be missed.”

Kim Ingram - December 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time?? Prince was such a great person. It was great to have known him! He will be missed by many! Sincerely, Mike and Joyce”

Mike and Joyce Tindell - December 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for this family.”

Sheila Thornton - December 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ I will miss his larger than life personality and that beautiful smile. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Condolences for his family.

Pamela W. Knudsen - December 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DE

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RM

“ Farewell for now, my friend. You will be missed.

Rusty Munger - December 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Please accept my condolences on Prince's passing. He was a wonderful man and a great friend all through high school. It was always such a pleasure to see him at our reunions. We will certainly miss seeing him. Blessings, Patti Montgomery Sparks

Patti Sparks - December 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SH

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Michael Willard - December 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Prince and I were classmates during our years at Central High School in Knoxville. He was such a fun loving and kind guy. Since our graduation, he never missed any of our reunions The 50th was held in 2017. True to form, Prince was right there in the middle of it all. However, you could tell his disease was having an impact on him that night. It was wonderful to see him again. I certainly hope enjoyed himself with CHS '67 one last time.

Ann Paylor Williams - December 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Great person. Great Values.

Billy Frost - December 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Met Mr. Prince at Westwood Baptist Church, always a very kind man. He will be greatly missed.

Donna Woods - December 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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Michael Willard - December 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ This obituary describes Prince perfectly. He was smart and funny and we will miss him. Condolences to his family and close friends.

John & Suzanne Dailey - December 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Prince was a great lawyer and friend.He will be missed by all who knew him.

Bert Bates - December 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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