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Last Words

A man's last words are some of the most honest, important and most profound things that a man will ever speak or write.

Phillip Miller, our Board of Trustee member, longtime supporter, my mentor, brother in the Lord and friend, from his heart wrote the following article that indeed do contain his very last words...after finishing the article he sat in his recliner to rest and then peacefully went to be with the Lord. We will miss him!



Phillip Miller

“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord”. 2 Corinthians 5:8

Phillip Miller's Very Last Heartfelt Words

ON THE STREET COLD

Each month when it is close to the deadline I have to come up with an article. That has been going on since September 2011. Most of the time, I know days ahead about what I am going to write about and I sit at my computer and write the article. This month I was reminded when I moved to Utah from Wisconsin, over 25 years ago, I didn't know what a Swamp Cooler was, or an Inversion. I did know what smog was and freezing rain was like and cold and snow of course. I can remember cleaning the driveway when it was 50 degrees below zero, and the hair in your nose freezing. I remember the snow being so high from plowing in the back roads where I lived that we would put a colored tennis ball on the antenna so oncoming traffic at stop signs could see your car or van.

I am writing this on the day the first ice storm to hit Utah in over 20 years. I was familiar with ice storms and freezing rain. I can remember flying a Mooney, a single engine airplane, in a freezing rain storm with out de-icing equipment. I was close to the ground following a railroad track that went near the airport. I could see the ice building on the wings, and moving the controls regularly to make sure they did not freeze in place. I can still remember the relief when I landed and carefully taxied on ice to the hanger. I have many other true stories of my 2400 hours as a private pilot that will have to wait for another time.

My mind and heart went out to the Homeless in this weather. The night of the snow storm there was a story on TV about a Homeless Couple (she was pregnant) that had to leave the library early because it was closing early due to the storm and had no place to go until the Road Home Opened. I saw another story of Homeless with pets would rather stay outside for they could not take the pets into the shelter. I understand the necessity of rules, but know many Homeless have special needs during this real cold spell.

By the time this article comes out, the weather probably will be normal, but the needs of the Homeless will still exist. I am on the Board of the Salt Lake City Mission and I know first hand how much good and helpful the Mission is to the Homeless and needy in many ways. I also know the amount of money it takes to provide these services is always needed. If you can help I believe God will Bless You for your thoughtfulness. If you can help, PLEASE DO!

In Loving Memory of Phillip DeWayne Miller

November 2, 1934 ~ January 25, 2013

Phillip was born in Virden, IL to Harry Andrew Miller and Gladys Maude Miller. He graduated from Virden Illinois High School. Where he was active in sports, performing arts, band, and was nominated to the National Honor Society. Phillip began his college career at Olivet Nazarene College and then joined the Army Security Agency. He was stationed at a relay station in Okinawa for 18 months where he worked alongside security personnel from the NSA, Air Force and Navy. His job was to repair and maintain the equipment at the relay station transmitting highly classified information from Japan to Australia. He held a crypto clearance which is one step above top secret. He held the rank of SGT. (E-5) upon his honorable discharge.



Upon leaving the service he went back to Olivet and graduated with a degree in Major Religion and Philosophy, while in college he was active in many activities including

writing a column for the school newspaper called “Strictly Non-Personal.” He started his Masters degree at the University of Illinois in the School of Journalism. While attending college he worked selling insurance, where he won several awards for sales and was asked to be part of a group starting a new insurance company, (Land of Lincoln Life Insurance Co.), where he became the first Agency Director.

After moving to Utah in 1985 he went into the vending business. He worked as a salesman, National Sales Director, and then President. When the company was sold in 1989 he formed his own company. He worked in the vending business for 22 years and was considered by most an expert in the vending world. He sold the business in 2008 due to his health.

Phillip was always very active in religious and church activities. His ministry started as a Pastor of the Nazarene Church in Danville, Illinois. He served as president of the Full-Gospel Businessmen for several years in Madison, Wisconsin. During this time he also acted as State Director of Wisconsin Prison Fellowship, a ministry started by Chuck Colson (from the Nixon administration.) Phillip hosted / led the first in-prison Bible study in Oxford, WI. Since that time he was in and out of prison as a volunteer over 1,250 times. After moving to Utah he served on the board of trustees for the Salt Lake City Mission and acted as President of the Salt Lake Chapter of The International Fellowship of Christian Businessmen (IFCB). In the year 2000 he was elected to the National Board where he served until 2008 when he began his battle with cancer. In 2010 Phillip won that battle and he lived cancer free until his passing on January 25th, 2013.

Phillip enjoyed flying and logged 2,400 hours as a pilot with single engine and multi-engine ratings. He also enjoyed baseball, golfing and sporting events. He loved his family deeply and was quick with a story to tell of their accomplishments.

Our spouse, father, & grandpa we love you and will miss you deeply.

He is survived by his wife, Kim, His children: Sherri Hanewall (Eric), grandchildren Justin Hanewall, Rene Marvin (Dustin), great grandchild Kai Marvin - Kimberly Schwenn (Don), grandchildren Lizzy and Adam Schwenn - Shelly Brooks (Darin), grandchildren Alyssn, Carson, and Anna Brooks - Phillip Miller - Aaron Miller - Justin Miller - Maia Hilyard (Kevin), grandchildren Cannon, Kyler, Konner, - Aubrey Hilyard and Marcus Miller.



Yes Its Our 20th Anniversary

Please Celebrate With Us. 20 years of faithful service to the poor and needy of Salt Lake.

The bad economy, all the funds raised for elections and the increased homeless population due to foreclosures, the war, etc. has placed us in a dire need for funds. We really need your help to continue holding our feeding events for the homeless and to continue to help and serve the homeless throughout the rest of the year!

Because of your generosity we were able to assist thousands of people in their time of desperation and need throughout the holiday season. **However**, we find just as Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ stated **“The poor you will have with you always”... The needs of the homeless, poor, destitute and hungry go on beyond just the holiday season. Yes, it is extremely sad to say but they go on day in and day out, day after day, every day! -----**

Points to Ponder

The path of progressive redemption calls for a faith journey. Without knowing it, you may find yourself living out a destiny that enables human to “walk with God”. With a life that exemplifies “God with us”

Neil Armstrong landed on the moon, saying “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind!”

Such is the call of our faith journey.

In like manner, Rebecca elects to walk the same 300-mile trek which Sarah walked when she “crossed over” to start a new, international household of faith in the Promised Land. Rebecca continues *the life of Sarah* when she enters into the same faith and same dream—leaving the Aramean house of Nachor in Charan to marry Isaac in Sarah’s tent.

You are called to continue the same faith journey. But you must trust God with the key decisions of your life. This is more than theory—you must be willing to take reproof and correction from those with whom you pray.