

**Francis Leroy Miller**  
**October 19, 1923 – January 9, 2003 (Age 80)**



Francis Miller, known as “Shorty” was born October 19, 1923. He went home to be with his Lord and Savior, whom he faithfully served, January 9, 2003 in Starke, Florida. He and his wife, Marie, served the Lord as World Baptist Fellowship missionaries for many years in Ghana, West Africa.

Services were held Monday, January 13, 2003 at Pine Level Baptist Church, Starke Florida, with Reverend Roman Alvarez officiating. Interment was at Crosby Lake Cemetery by Jones Funeral Home, Starke, Florida.

**FRANCIS L. “SHORTY” MILLER WITH THE LORD**  
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On Thursday afternoon, January 9, 2003, Bro. Francis Leroy (Shorty) Miller quietly went into the presence of the Lord. Standing at his bedside at the time of his passing was his faithful wife of 56 years, Marie, and his daughter, Denia. Bro. Shorty had been bedridden for over two years as the result of a stroke. In spite of his physical infirmity, he retained his sweet spirit and good humor until the very last.

Bro. Shorty was a U.S. Navy veteran who served in the submarine service in World War II. His sub was in combat during the war and the week following his leaving the sub it was sunk in battle with all hands lost. The Lord allowed Bro. Miller to survive because He had future plans for his life.

Both Bro. and Mrs. Miller were saved in 1960 and they both began to faithfully serve the Lord. Following his surrender to preach the Gospel, Bro. Miller attended the Bible Baptist Seminary where he graduated in 1967. He served as pastor at the Eifel Bible Baptist Church in Albach, West Germany, the Fundamental Baptist Church of Wellington, Texas and a church in Longmont, Colorado.

In the early 1970’s Bro. and Mrs. Miller became involved in a Bible ministry through the New York Avenue Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas. Most of the requests for Bibles came from Ghana, West Africa. They became so burdened for Ghana that they surrendered their lives to go to that country as missionaries, even though they were in their 50’s. They

were approved as WBF missionaries to Ghana in 1974. God richly blessed their ministry in Ghana with many souls saved, churches started and national workers trained for the ministry.

Although the ministry in Ghana was richly blessed of the Lord, it was very hard on them physically and they suffered much illness during their years there. At the time of one furlough they both had to literally be carried from the plane upon their arrival in the U.S. When they were finally unable to return to Ghana due to ill health, they went to the West Indies where they spent another four years of service in Jamaica before retiring as active missionaries in 1997.

On November 11, 2002 the Pine Level Baptist Church honored Bro. Miller at a special Veteran's Day service which took place during their annual Mission Conference for their service to our country and to our Lord. Although he was too ill to attend the service, the next day at home Bro. Miller was presented by Pastor Joe Lee with a U.S. flag in a beautiful case.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 13, 2003 at the Pine Level Baptist Church in Starke, Florida. His long-time pastor and friend, Rev. Roman Alvarez, along with Pastor Joe Lee, conducted the services. This was a very precious time of remembrance of what the Lord had done in and through the life of Bro. Miller.

Please remember Mrs. Marie Miller in your prayers. She is also in very bad health and is dependent on the Lord and their faithful supporting churches. If your church supported them, please continue to send your support for Mrs. Miller and uphold her in your prayers.

(Marie Miller passed away December 19, 2007. Please see her obituary as well.)