



Justin Dale Miller

February 15, 2024

Dr. Justin D. Miller, 49, of Fort Collins, passed away Thursday, February 15, 2024. Justin was born on March 10, 1974, in Washington, D.C. to Linda and Ross Miller.

Justin grew up in Macon, Georgia. He graduated from First Presbyterian Day School where he excelled both academically and athletically, playing varsity football, basketball, and track and earning the state title in the 800 meter his senior year. Upon graduation he moved to Athens, Georgia to attend University of Georgia where he graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy. Justin then entered medical school at the Medical College of Georgia, where he was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. He completed his residency in Anesthesiology at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, serving as Chief Resident during his fourth year. After finalizing his residency, Justin settled in Fort Collins, Colorado, becoming an Anesthesiologist for the Northern Colorado Anesthesia Professionals, where he provided exceptional medical care for the last 18 years.

Justin married his beloved wife, Ruth, on April 7, 2001, in East Aurora, New York. He and Ruth have one daughter together, Kate. Justin's favorite hobbies included: cycling, hiking, and skiing, especially alongside Ruth, Kate, and his brother Andrew. He especially revered the annual tradition of going on a

backpacking trip with Kate. Next to his love for his family and favorite hobbies, Justin was an avid Georgia football fan– Go Dawgs!

Justin is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughter, Kate; father, Ross; brother, Andrew (Allison); nephew, Matt, and niece Erin. He is preceded in death by his mother Linda.

A reception will be held in honor of Justin's life beginning at 12:30, Sunday, March 3, 2024, at The Harmony Country Club, 6432 Grand Tree Boulevard, Timnath CO. If you wish to honor Justin's memory, please consider making a donation to either the Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County, 525 W. Oak Street, Suite 1310, Fort Collins, CO 80521 (allianceforsuicideprevention.org) or the Justin Miller, M.D. Memorial Scholarship at First Presbyterian Day School at 5671 Calvin Drive, Macon GA 31210 (fpdmacon.org). Please visit Justin's tribute page at goesfuneralcare.com to share condolences and memories with his family.

Previous Events

Reception

MAR 3. 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM (MT)

Harmony Country club
6432 Grand Tree Boulevard
Timnath, CO 80547

Tribute Wall



“ Dr. Miller,
I miss working with you. I had the privilege to learn from the most experienced, safe, and one-of-a-kind pediatric anesthesia provider. You created comfortable environments for patients and parents, and safe environments for nurses to learn. You treated each person the same, as evidence by all your friends and colleagues having the same testimony of “it was a good day when Justin was around”. I loved working with you. I would have loved being around you outside of work, too, because you were so enjoyable. Thank you for teaching me the power of patience. You will be missed for the rest of our lives 🧡



Kaitlyn Prins - October 12, 2024 at 02:42 PM



“ Kate Miller lit a candle in memory of Justin Miller



Kate Miller - June 17, 2024 at 03:11 AM

EL

“ *The loss of Dr. Miller is a loss for the northern Colorado community. He was kind, thoughtful, and an excellent advocate for those around him. As a PreOp/PACU nurse working with you during my 7 years at PVH, I always knew my patients were in excellent hands with you. Whatever weight was so heavy on your heart and mind, I hope with all my being it has been lifted. You are greatly missed. Thank you for the time we had with you.*

~Erin (Ray) Liebman

Erin Liebman - April 04, 2024 at 04:41 PM

ER

“ *Ericca lit a candle in memory of Justin Miller*



Ericca - March 11, 2024 at 02:47 PM

EN

“ As next door neighbors growing up, Justin was a part of many of my earliest memories. Our mothers were best friends so we spent a lot of time with each other when we were little. I liked going to his house to play with his Fisher Price town set and little matchbox cars. We had an amazing neighborhood with lots of kids to play with so spent countless hours outside riding bikes around the circle and in "the Valley", playing in the wading pool, and watching the world from the treehouse. His mom often held neighborhood picnics around July 4th and Christmas parties at their house after caroling around the neighborhood (complete with beautiful luminaries lining the streets). We still have some Christmas tree ornaments she made one year and gave to all the kids. As we grew older, many neighborhood friends moved away. We didn't really hang out anymore, but I woke up most Saturday mornings to the sound of a bouncing basketball in their driveway so knew he was around. lol. We went to the same school (FPD), and he'd sometimes drive me there or home in his red? jeep (being 3 years younger, I thought this was very exciting!). I always looked up to him and admired him for his academic and athletic abilities and dedication as well as for his kindness. The world lost an amazing person, and my heart breaks for the entire Miller family. I wish we could've been at Justin's memorial service to honor his memory and give each of you a hug. May the Lord comfort you and bring you strength and peace. Rest in Peace, Justin. You are missed.



Elaine Turk Nell - March 07, 2024 at 07:37 PM

KW

“ *Kelli Weiner lit a candle in memory of Justin Miller*



Kelli Weiner - March 03, 2024 at 01:24 PM

CB

“ *Justin was a good friend of mine over the past 20 years. We shared a lot of good times together, in training at Wake, trips together, and in Colorado. He spoke often of how much he loved Ruth and Kate. His annual back-packing trip with Kate was particularly special to him. He was so proud of her. A few years ago he called me and said he wanted to prioritize friendships more. It seemed he was doing that and enjoying life at home and at work when I last saw him in October '23 for a few days of mountain biking in Moab. I'm so glad we had that trip together, my friend. We miss you terribly. Thank you for being my friend all these years.*
-Chris



Chris Beck - March 02, 2024 at 12:03 PM

KA

“ *Dr. Miller was one of my favorite Anesthesiologists to work with. He was always kind and compassionate with his patients. When I was induced with my youngest, I called down to the OR, and I remember feeling so relieved that he was on call for OB that day. My heart hurts for you and yours.*

Kayla - March 01, 2024 at 09:27 AM

NZ

“ *Nicole Zentveld lit a candle in memory of Justin Miller*



Nicole Zentveld - February 29, 2024 at 11:50 PM

LS

“ *Dr. Miller, your lovely, and calm presence will be missed. Although we only worked together a short time at HSC I appreciated your expertise and finesse. I will miss you. Peace to your family. Lupe Sandoval, RN*

Lupe Sandoval - February 29, 2024 at 05:56 PM

MR

“Justin was an amazing colleague and an even better friend. He provided anesthesia for thousands of my surgeries and I even requested him when my family or friends needed surgery. His judgement was spot-on. He knew how to seamlessly navigate difficult situations. He was a compassionate doctor and stood strong for patients when they were going through difficult times. Sometimes it would be a cancer surgery. But sometimes it was a routine tonsillectomy with a very nervous mom. Whenever I would arrive at the hospital and realize he was working with me, I felt at ease. Patients felt at ease. I knew we were going to have a great day. I always felt more comfortable knowing he was there. I am still bewildered that the cases we did together that day were our last ones.

Some of my best memories about Justin were about parenting. Like all dads with teenage daughters, we had our struggles. We would talk about these things and comfort each other. We would give each other advice on how to handle certain situations. We would pack our girls into limousines for the Butterfly Kisses Father-Daughter Dance. One year I think we had 3-4 limos packed like sardines. I just went to my 17th dance last month with my 3 daughters and came across this picture from 11 years ago when we went. Kate, your dad loved you very much and would have done anything for you to succeed. He was so excited about your accomplishments. He would often show me pictures of you mountain biking. He was thrilled that you were going to college in Utah and was confident this would take your mountain biking to the next level.

We also had many conversations about mental health. When I went through a lawsuit 10 years ago, I leaned on him alot. I needed help in a bad way, and he was there for me. He would regularly check in on me and saw me through a very dark time. That's just the kind of person he was. We need more people in this world like Justin and I will miss him dearly. I love you, Justin.





matt robertson - February 29, 2024 at 04:37 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album *Butterfly Kisses Father Daughter Dance*



matt robertson - February 29, 2024 at 04:25 PM

JP

“ *Justin was one of my all time favorite anesthesiologists. You knew his patients were always under great care, he was kind, caring and patient. We shared a love for hiking and backpacking and I loved listening to him tell me about his adventures with you, Kate, particularly the story of the bear going for your food. My heart goes out to you all (family) for as difficult as it is for me to wrap my head around him being gone I can only imagine your devastation. Jill Pryor RN*

Jill Pryor - February 28, 2024 at 02:08 PM

JM

“ Justin was a good friend to me when I first moved to Ft. Collins and in all the years afterwards. We shared many hours cycling together, especially when he was training for the Leadville 100 and earned his buckle, and he was the only reason I ever cared how the 'Dawgs did. I will miss texting him on fall Saturdays and seeing his Strava thumbs-ups,

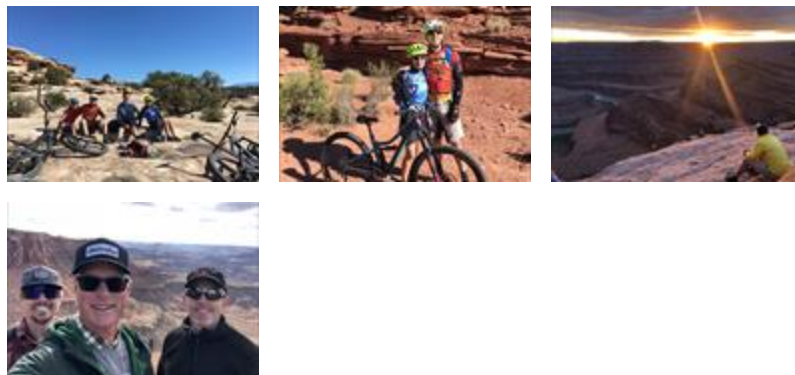
He loved Ruth and Kate and he was excellent at his work. I will miss him as a friend and his passing lessens us all.



Jack Mahon - February 27, 2024 at 01:17 PM

LJ

“ *Gone too soon, miss ya buddy - Lucian*



lucian jones - February 27, 2024 at 10:51 AM

SA

“ sarah avrech lit a candle in memory of Justin Miller



sarah avrech - February 27, 2024 at 09:59 AM

SA

“ I worked with Justin for 17 years in the PVH birthing center and 18 months at Harmony Surgery. He was always my favorite. So kind to the patients and staff. Always asked how we were and took time to listen. And truly wonderful at his job. He did my epidural with my oldest, and was supervising when I had my next 2. I felt so lucky he was there both times! My heart is with his family and friends at this difficult time.

sarah avrech - February 27, 2024 at 09:59 AM

SM

“ I was Justin’s AP English teacher. He was a wonderful and insightful young man! His humor was also keen—after reviewing my written comments on one of his essays, he remarked, “You know the scary thing here is that I can read your writing.” He was a beloved student. Sharon Adams McWhorter

Sharon McWhorter - February 27, 2024 at 08:11 AM



“ I had the honor of working alongside Dr. Miller for over a decade and will always treasure his calm and friendly presence. I, too, am a Georgia Bulldog so we bonded instantly upon meeting and always loved celebrating the victories together.

I chose him to provide anesthesia for my son's surgery and will always cherish the memory of his gentle care and compassion towards his scared, little heart. Dr. Miller spoke so fondly and frequently of Kate that I feel like I know her. As I am a bit behind him in parenting I have clung to his advice and guidance over the years, and I loved hearing of their skiing and hiking adventures together. (Kate, if you're reading this, his eyes would twinkle when he talked about you. He would get that cute little smirk and beam about his girl. He loved you so deeply).

I have recently moved to Berlin, Germany so am unable to attend the service, but I am broken and aching with everyone from afar. We lost a wonderful, successful, kind, compassionate human on February 15th. That he didn't know and believe that himself will always be a baffling mystery to me. Rest in Peace, JDM, and Go Dawgs!

*With love,
Taylor Fontenot*

Taylor Fontenot - February 27, 2024 at 03:59 AM