



## Galen Miller

October 15, 1951 - August 22, 2013

Galen Miller, PhD, 61, of Alexandria, Virginia and Pawnee City, Nebraska, died on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital after a valiant battle with a severe bacterial infection.

Since 2001 until the time of his death, Dr. Miller was the Executive Vice President of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) in Alexandria. From 1991 to 1998, when the organization was known as the National Hospice Organization, Dr. Miller served as Vice President and Director of Professional Development, Research and External Relations.

In addition to his long history dedicated to education, research and external relations on behalf of the nation's hospice and palliative care community, he provided leadership for NHPCO in HIV/AIDS care, access to care in underserved populations and diverse communities, issues relating to rural care provision, palliative care access for Veterans, innovations in end-of-life care, and strategic planning.

Dr. Miller embodied NHPCO and its affiliates' vision of a world where individuals and families facing serious illness, death, and grief will experience the best that humankind can offer, and made it his life's work. His passion was hospice and the care of the dying across America. Many people who will die in this country, and who never knew him, will benefit from his skill, insight and attention to detail.

Immediately prior to joining NHPCO as Executive Vice President, he served as Vice President of Professional Services for the American Association of Health Plans in Washington, DC.

Before he began his work on behalf of hospice and palliative care, he had served in state administrative roles for the Nebraska Department of Education and the Colorado Community College and Occupational Education System. Dr. Miller has experience as a secondary school teacher, was a member of the faculty at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, and held both faculty and administrative appointments at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona.

He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, his Masters degree from the College of Business Administration at Utah State University in Logan, and his Doctorate in Administration, Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Dr. Miller is survived by his partner of 29 years, Bob Ward of Pawnee City and Alexandria. Additional family include his brother Bob and sister-in-law Beth of Pawnee City, his sister Kathleen and brother-in-law Jerry of Pawnee City, as well as many nieces and nephews and his former wife Dr. Ramona Miller.

There will be three services in his memory beginning with a service in Pawnee City on September 8, 2013 at the SchillingBridge Winery intended for family and friends. Services held for his extensive professional network and the broad hospice and palliative care community include a memorial service held in conjunction with NHPCO's 14th Annual Clinical Team Conference in Kansas City on September 26, 2013 at 4:15 PM and a memorial service on October 4, 2013 at 11:00 AM in the Washington DC Omni Shoreham Hotel which was the site of numerous national conferences hosted by NHPCO and

its affiliate organizations.

If you would like to share a memory or comment, we invite you to post here. These thoughts will be collected and shared with Galen's family.

If you would like to make a donation to celebrate his life, we invite you to do

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