



79th Infantry Division



Richard Austin Miller
Sergeant U.S. Army
17 July 1962 – 16 July 1968

Richard was born at home in Wescosville, Pennsylvania, on 7 October 1939. Richard attended 1st and 2nd grades at a two-room schoolhouse in the Village of Minesite; 3rd and 4th grades at a two-room schoolhouse in Wescosville; and 5th through 8th grades at Lower Macungie Township School at the intersection of Lower Macungie and Krocks Roads. He then attended 9th grade at Lincoln Jr. High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Emmaus High School in 1958. After high school, Richard studied Business Administration and Accounting at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, for two years, followed by one and one-half years at Bethlehem Business School in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. In March 1962, Richard joined Union Bank & Trust Company in Bethlehem as a Management Trainee and was subsequently assigned, successively, to the Internal Auditing and Mortgage Accounting departments. He enlisted in the Army Ready Reserves in Allentown, and was inducted as a Private on 17 July 1962. He was then ordered to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for six months of active duty training as a Tank Crewman with Company B, 5th Battalion, 1st Airborne Brigade. On 25 February 1963, he returned home and was assigned to Wilson-Kramer U.S. Army Reserve Center in Bethlehem in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 6th Medium Tank Battalion, 68th Armor, 79th Infantry Division. He resumed working for Union Bank & Trust at that time. Richard was discharged from the Army Reserves as a Sergeant on 16 July 1968. On 24 August 1965 he began working as Assistant Business Manager for the East Penn School District in Emmaus. He was promoted to Director of Business and Fiscal Affairs in 1975, and remained with the School District until his retirement on 31 December 1999. Richard married **Nancy June Semmel** (born 2 December 1943) in Trinity United Church of Christ (UCC) in Allentown on 21 August 1965. They lived in East Texas for two years before moving to Emmaus in September 1967. In February 1988, they relocated to Wescosville, and in July 2002 they moved to the Fairways in Lower Macungie Township, where they settled. Richard became very active in St. John's United Church of Christ in Emmaus. He served on many of the church committees and was elected Church Treasurer in January 2007. He also was active in Rotary International for several years after he retired. Richard and Nancy had two sons, **Daniel Richard** and **Thomas Scott**. His parents were **Austin Ralph Miller** (3 July 1896 – 26 August 1981) and **Florence Catherine Kuhns** (13 October 1901 – 3 December 1987). Two of Richard's brothers served during World War II: **William Henry** in the Army from 17 April 1943 to 11 December 1945; and **Albert Noah** in the Navy from 18 October 1944 to 21 July 1946. Another brother, **Robert Charles Franklin**, served in the Marine Corps from 25 June 1946 to 3 May 1947.