



**Robert Charles Franklin Miller**  
**Private First Class U.S. Marine Corps**  
**25 June 1946 – 3 May 1947**

Robert was born at home in Wescosville, Pennsylvania on 11 July 1928. He attended grade school in a two-room schoolhouse in the Village of Minesite and another two-room schoolhouse in Wescosville. He attended 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Raub Jr. High School in Allentown, and graduated from Allentown High School in June 1946. During the summers of his junior and senior high school years, Robert drove a ¾-ton truck delivering printed matter for H. Ray Haas & Company in Allentown, and helped lay concrete for Cement Gun Company (which later became Allentown Pneumatic Gun Company). Just after graduating from high school, Robert enlisted in the Marine Corps. He was inducted on 25 June 1946 in Allentown. Following recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina, Robert was transferred to Marine Corps Air Station at Quantico, Virginia, on 28 August 1946. While there he served as a Gasoline Truck Driver in Aircraft Engineering Squadron Twelve and was promoted to Private First Class on 16 January 1947. He served with the Squadron for the rest of his enlistment, and was honorably discharged at Quantico on 3 May 1947, earning the Good Conduct Medal. Robert returned home to Wescosville, purchased a truck, and became self-employed delivering fruit and vegetables to homes in the Allentown area. He did this for 22 years. In 1950, he moved to Allentown when he married. He married **Joanne Marilyn Bergenstock** (born 2 April 1932) on 23 July 1950 in Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church in Allentown. Robert and Joanne had three sons: **Keith Robert**, **Larry**, and **Craig Jeffery**. Keith made the Army his career, serving from June 1971 to June 1995 and rising to the rank of Sergeant Major. Craig made the Marine Corps his career, serving from May 1978 to June 1999 and rising to the rank of Sergeant. Two of Robert'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 of Robert's brothers, **Richard Austin**, served in the Army and Army Reserves from 17 July 1962 to 8 August 1968. Robert died on 26 December 1970 in Allentown. He is buried at St. Paul's Church Cemetery in Trexlertown, Pennsylvania. Robert's parents were **Austin Ralph Miller** (3 July 1896 – 26 August 1981) and **Florence Catherine Kuhns** (13 October 1901 – 3 December 1987).