

Eulogy/Service for Tevie Miller  
passed away 21 August, 1996

**K'riah - Downstairs**

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Tevie Miller's accomplishments in his professional and community work will leave their mark on this city forever. At Beth Shalom Synagogue, Tevie will be remembered as the head of a family that has meant so much to the work of fulfilling the spiritual needs of our congregants. Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is only weeks away, and we will miss Tevie sitting in his regular seat next to Arliss and surrounded by his children, grandchildren, brother and sister and their families.

We share his pride in his children who, together with their spouses, are living in Edmonton carrying on Tevie's name and assuming roles as leaders in their fields and as dedicated volunteers for their community.

In this spirit of family, his children, their spouses and his eldest grandchild, together with Tevie's sister<sup>brother</sup> and a colleague, will participate in this service. Each reading or Psalm was chosen personally.

We begin with:

- Tevie's son-in-law, **Farrel Shadlyn**, reading "Fear not death"
- Tevie's daughter, **Lisa Miller** - "Death cannot take from us"
- Our first eulogy will be given by Tevie's long-time friend,  
**Associate Chief Justice Allan Wachowich**
- Tevie's sister, **Helen Paull**
- Tevie's son, **Josh Miller**

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR FRIDAY

1. NEIL AND CANTOR OPENING REMARKS AND PRAYERS
2. SON-IN-LAW, FARREL SHADLYN TO READ: FEAR NOT DEATH
3. DAUGHTER, LISA MILLER TO READ: DEATH CANNOT TAKE FROM US
4. EULOGIES:  
ASSOCIATE CHIEF JUSTICE - ALLAN WACHOWICH  
SISTER OF TEVIE - HELEN PAULL  
SON OF TEVIE - JOSH MILLER
5. DAUGHTER, CATHERINE MILLER-DOLGOY TO READ: I AM A JEW
6. SON-IN-LAW, LEN DOLGOY TO READ: WISDOM OF SOLOMON & AFTER JOB
7. DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, MICHELE MILLER TO READ: PSALM 23
8. OLDEST GRAND-DAUGHTER - REBECCA DOLGOY TO READ: PRIVATE LETTER
9. NEIL AND CANTOR CLOSING REMARKS AND PRAYERS

## FARREL'S READING

### AFTER BEN SIRA

FEAR NOT DEATH; WE ARE DESTINED TO DIE. WE SHARE IT WITH ALL WHO EVER LIVED, WITH ALL WHO EVER WILL BE. BEWAIL THE DEAD, HIDE NOT YOUR GRIEF, DO NOT RESTRAIN YOUR MOURNING. BUT REMEMBER THAT CONTINUING SORROW IS WORSE THAN DEATH. WHEN THE DEAD ARE AT REST, LET THEIR MEMORY REST, AND BE CONSOLED WHEN THE SOUL DEPARTS.

DEATH IS BETTER THAN A LIFE OF PAIN, AND ETERNAL REST THAN CONSTANT SICKNESS.

SEEK NOT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS TOO DIFFICULT FOR YOU, SEARCH NOT FOR WHAT IS HIDDEN FROM YOU. BE NOT OVER OCCUPIED WITH WHAT IS BEYOND YOU, FOR YOU HAVE BEEN SHOWN MORE THAN YOU CAN UNDERSTAND.

AS A DROP OF WATER IN THE SEA, AS A GRAIN OF SAND ON THE SHORE ARE MAN'S FEW DAYS IN ETERNITY. THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE LAST FOR LIMITED DAYS, BUT A GOOD NAME ENDURES FOREVER.

OH GOD, OUR FATHER, YOU REDEEM OUR SOULS FROM THE GRAVE, YOU ARE THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION. FORSAKE US NOT IN TIME OF TROUBLE, IN DAYS OF DISTRESS AND DESOLATION. HELP US TO ENDURE, OH LORD, FOR WE HAVE PLACED OUR HOPE IN YOU.

## LISA'S READING

DEATH CANNOT TAKE FROM US

DEATH HAS CAST IT'S DARK SHADOW OVER THIS HOME,  
AND IT HAS LEFT US ALL DEEPLY BEREFT.

A VOICE HAS BEEN STILLED, A HEART HAS BEEN STOPPED,  
LAUGHTER HAS DEPARTED, JOY HAS FLED.

GONE ARE THE WARMTH AND THE GLOW OF A LOVED ONES PRESENCE;  
THE CHAIN OF LOVE HAS LOST A VITAL LINK.

DEATH HAS TAKEN A LIFE WHICH WAS PRECIOUS;  
IT HAS BROUGHT PAIN, LONELINESS, AND SORROW.

AND YET THERE IS SO MUCH WHICH DEATH CANNOT TOUCH,  
SO MUCH OVER WHICH IT HAS NO DOMINION.

DEATH CANNOT ROB US OF OUR PAST:  
THE YEARS, THE DREAMS, THE EXPERIENCES WHICH WE SHARED.

DEATH CANNOT TAKE FROM US THE LOVE WE KNEW;  
IT IS WOVEN INTO THE TAPESTRY OF OUR LOVES.

THE LESSONS WE WERE TAUGHT WE SHALL CONTINUE TO CHERISH;  
WE SHALL CLING TO THE WISDOM WHICH LIVES ON.

WHAT WE HAVE HAD, WE SHALL ALWAYS POSSESS;  
WHAT WE HAVE KNOWN, WE SHALL ALWAYS HOLD DEAR.

DEATH CANNOT TAKE FROM US OUR ABIDING TRUST,  
THAT GOD WILL GIVE US STRENGTH TO ENDURE WHAT WE MUST.

DEATH CANNOT TAKE FROM US OUR SUSTAINING HOPE -  
THAT DARKNESS WILL YIELD TO LIGHT, AND HURT GIVE WAY TO HEALING.

DEATH CANNOT TAKE FROM US THE COMFORTING FAITH,  
THAT WITH GOD EVERY SOUL IS PRECIOUS; NONE IS EVER LOST.

THUS, EVEN IN SORROW, WE THANK THE LORD OUR GOD,  
FOR OUR MEMORIES AND OUR HOPES, FOR OUR TRUST AND OUR FAITH.

FOR THESE, WE BELIEVE, NEED NEVER BE LOST;  
THESE, AND SO MUCH MORE, DEATH CANNOT TAKE FROM US.

**CATHERINE'S READING**

I AM A JEW

I AM A JEW BECAUSE MY FAITH DEMANDS NO ABDICATION OF THE MIND.

I AM A JEW BECAUSE MY FAITH DEMANDS ALL OF THE DEVOTION OF MY HEART.

I AM A JEW BECAUSE WHEREVER THERE IS SUFFERING, A JEW WEEPS.

I AM A JEW BECAUSE WHENEVER THERE IS DESPAIR, A JEW HOPES.

I AM A JEW BECAUSE THE MESSAGE OF OUR FAITH IS THE OLDEST AND THE NEWEST.

I AM A JEW BECAUSE THE PROMISE OF OUR FAITH IS A UNIVERSAL PROMISE.

I AM A JEW BECAUSE FOR THE JEWS THE WORLD IS NOT COMPLETED; PEOPLE MUST COMPLETE IT.

I AM A JEW BECAUSE FOR THE JEW HUMANITY IS NOT FULLY CREATED; PEOPLE MUST COMPLETE IT.

I AM A JEW BECAUSE THE FAITH OF THE PEOPLE ISRAEL PLACES HUMANITY ABOVE NATIONS, ABOVE JUDAISM ITSELF.

I AM A JEW BECAUSE THE FAITH OF THE PEOPLE ISRAEL PLACES ABOVE HUMANITY, IMAGE OF THE DIVINE, THE ONENESS OF GOD.

## LEN'S READINGS (2)

### WISDOM OF SOLOMON

A RIGHTEOUS MAN, THOUGH HE DIES BEFORE HIS TIME, SHALL BE AT REST, FOR AN HONORED OLD AGE DOES NOT DEPEND UPON LENGTH OF TIME, NOR IS IT MEASURED BY THE NUMBER OF ONE'S YEARS. FOR UNDERSTANDING IS GREY HAIR FOR MAN, AND A BLAMELESS LIFE IS OLD AGE. BEING PERFECTED IN A LITTLE WHILE HE FULFILLED LONG YEARS, FOR HIS SOUL PLEASED THE LORD.

### AFTER JOB 28:1-2,12

WHEN A WISE MAN DIES, HOW CAN HE BE REPLACED? THERE IS A SOURCE FOR SILVER, AND A PLACE WHERE GOLD IS REFINED. IRON IS TAKEN FROM THE EARTH, AND FROM STONE COPPER IS SMELTED. BUT WHERE CAN WISDOM BE FOUND? AND WHERE IS THE PLACE OF UNDERSTANDING? WHEN A WISE MAN DIES, HOW CAN HE BE REPLACED?

**MICHELE'S READING**

**PSALM 23**

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT.**

**HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES;  
HE LEADS ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS**

**HE REVIVES MY SPIRIT;  
HE GUIDES ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE**

**THOUGH I WALK NOT IN THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,  
I FEAR NO EVIL; FOR YOU ARE WITH ME.  
YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF COMFORT ME**

**YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY FOES  
YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP OVERFLOWS**

**SURELY GOODNESS AND KINDNESS SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY  
LIFE  
AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER**

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- Tevie's daughter, Catherine Miller Dolgoy will read "I am a Jew"
- Tevie's son-in-law, Len Dolgoy - "The Wisdom of Solomon ~~is~~ After Job" *Leon Miller-brother*
- Tevie's daughter-in-law, Michelle Miller - Psalm 23
- Tevie's oldest granddaughter, Rebecca Dolgoy, wrote him a letter which she read to him before he passed away. We are now privileged to have Rebecca share this letter with us.

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**Please rise as Cantor Mannes chants the Memorial Prayer  
(Repeat in English)**

**Please be seated.**



In a few minutes the members of the Chevra Kadisha will assist you in leaving the sanctuary, past Tevie's casket and down the front stairs.

Those wishing to join the family for the interment may follow the procession to the Jewish Cemetery, located on 101 Avenue at 76 Street.

When we leave the cemetery, a seven day period of mourning, called "Shiva", begins. It is a time of prayer, reflection and remembrance. It is the beginning of intense mourning that centers on the bereaved and is the time for friends to comfort them.

The Shiva period honouring Tevie Miller begins this afternoon and continues until next Thursday morning. The family has asked that it be observed in Tevie and Arliss' home as well as here at the synagogue. <sup>^</sup>The first prayer service will take place at 5:30 this afternoon in our downstairs chapel.

Because of the importance of the Sabbath in Jewish religious and communal life, Shiva is not observed from Friday night through Saturday night and mourners are encouraged to participate in the celebration of the holiday, even in the midst of Shiva.

The observance of Shiva will recommence with prayer services at 9:00 a.m. Sunday in the downstairs chapel. Afternoon prayer services will then be held at 5:30 p.m Sunday through Wednesday. Morning services will be at 7:30 a.m., on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday all in our downstairs chapel.

At other times, friends are welcome to pay condolence calls on the family at 34 Riverside Crescent ~~beginning on Sunday.~~

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*friends  
are  
welcome  
to join  
the family  
at home  
following  
the  
cemetery  
shiva*