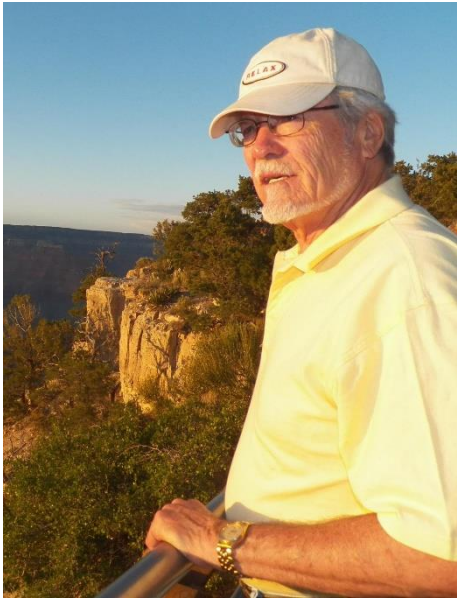


John M. Miller obituary



John M. Miller (Jack) of Green Valley, Arizona, 85614, passed away on May 8, 2024, at home from complications of COPD. He would have been 83 in June. Jack was born the second of three children, on June 20, 1941, in Orange, California to Kathleen and Eugene Miller. He graduated from California State University at Long Beach (CSULB) in 1964 with a BS degree in Industrial Relations. Jack married Patricia Lynne Ellis, daughter of J. Sidney Ellis Jr. and Mary Lynne (Pruett) Ellis on September 2, 1963, in Las Vegas, Nevada. They both worked to complete college. Jack would return to CSULB to obtain his MBA in 1970. With the Viet Nam War heating up, Jack enlisted in the army in February 1966 and was accepted into Officer's Candidate School at the Army Training Center at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Nine months later, he received his commission: second lieutenant, Army Armor. During the training cycle from

February to April 1966, when he was Acting Corporal, he was cited for his training of the Outstanding Platoon. He was posted to Fort Lewis, Washington as a Tank Commander training recruits for two years. He was relieved from active duty on December 16, 1968, as a First Lieutenant.

After receiving his MBA, where he graduated 13th out of a class of 64, he applied to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and was accepted into its International Development Intern Program, including 3 months of Portuguese, and was posted first to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and subsequently to Brasilia for four years as Assistant Program Officer. Patrick John Miller, a son, was born on July 9, 1974, in Gramado, in the state of Rio Grande do Sul. After serving 4 years in Brazil, Jack and his family were assigned to Seoul, Korea in December of 1974 as Assistant Program Officer. While stationed in Seoul, he attended the Department of State's intensive economics course in Washington D.C. The intensive course is the equivalent of a Bachelor of Science Degree in economics. Following a several year posting to D.C., Jack was assigned to 4 years as Program Officer in both Sri Lanka and Honduras. However, before arriving in Honduras, Jack took the Foreign Service Institute's *Conversion to Spanish from Portuguese course*, polishing up his Spanish. Later, based in Pakistan, Jack was the Deputy Representative for Afghan Affairs from 1986 to 1990. Jack's work to develop a significant bilateral program was recognized by John Bolton and others. Mozambique, where he served as deputy director, was his final tour. He retired in 1994. In the 2000's he did consulting in Eastern Europe, including Moscow and later in Mozambique.

Jack retired a second time to the deserts of Arizona at the foothills of the beautiful Santa Rita Mountains, pursuing his interest in music appreciation and filling multiple iPods with over 5000 pieces of music. He leaves his wife Patricia, their son Patrick, his sister Julie, and two grandchildren. His brother Larry pre-deceased him. He and Patricia were married 60 years, and he loved his job. He had a good life.