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In Memoriam Hon. Donald Miller

The Hon. Donald G. Miller, retired Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court, passed away on January 18, 2019. Judge Miller dedicated a life of service to his Country and to the Citizens of Macomb County. Judge Miller graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in 1961, and was commissioned as an Air Force Officer. He served as a Pilot during the Vietnam War, and later attained the rank of Colonel and served as Commander of Selfridge Air National Guard Base. In 1982, he received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit. Before becoming a Circuit Court Judge, he was in private practice, served as a Workers' Compensation Magistrate, and served on the Workers' Compensation Appellate Commission. Judge Miller served as a judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court (Macomb County) from 1998 to 2010. Chief Judge James M. Biernat, Jr. was appointed to Judge Miller's seat at his retirement. Judge Biernat stated "Don was well-respected for his Judicial Temperament and leadership qualities. He spent his entire adult life serving the citizens of this Country in one capacity or another. He was a mentor to many young attorneys including myself, and his death is a real loss to the community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Candice and their family." Judge Miller is survived by his wife Candice Miller, Macomb County Public Works Commissioner (and former U.S. Representative).

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