

Biography of Dr. Joel Miller

I was born in New York City on April 5, 1943.

My elementary schooling was at PS 105 and PS 76 in the Bronx in and I went to Evander Childs High School there also. I attended City College of New York, and graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Science degree. I was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

I went to Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery and earned my Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1967.

I am a Vietnam-era veteran and immediately after dental school I served on active duty in the United States Air Force from 1967 to 1969. I served in the reserves until 1977. Following the 9/11/2001 tragedy I served as a Major in the New York State Guard. I was the senior dentist at Camp Smith.

In 1969 my partner Dr. Stephen Kaplan and I established a dental practice in the Town of Poughkeepsie. In my 33 years of practice there I served as a member of the Dutchess County Dental Society's Executive Committee for 26 years. I was Treasurer of the Society for 5 years and President of the Society for 2 years.

In 1994, I decided to follow my desire to go into public service and ran successfully for the New York State Assembly. I have been re-elected seven times.

Currently I serve as the Ranking Minority Member of the Education Committee. I serve in leadership as the Vice Chair of the Minority Steering Committee and I am the Minority Member of the Homeland Security Task Force. I also serve on the Rules, Health, Higher Education and Election Law committees.

I am a former President of the Harding Club, a philanthropic and social organization, and still maintain my membership in the Club.

I am a member of the American Legion and several Chambers of Commerce.

I live in the Town of Poughkeepsie with my wife Sheryl. We have two sons and two daughters-in-law and three grandchildren. My son Daniel lives with his family in Brooklyn and my son Jonathan lives with his family in Austin, Texas.

They all have good teeth.

I am greatly honored at having been chosen to receive the Walter Wallace Stevens Award for Meritorious and Distinguished Service and to be elected into the Dutchess County Dental Society Hall of Fame. My associations with my patients and colleagues, along with the opportunity to serve our dental society and my constituents, has enriched my life immensely .

I receive these awards with great appreciation.