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ever been really was on my way back home.' Shirley and members of the Miller family, thank you for sharing Zell with us.

"His life is a testament to all that is good and all that is possible in this country we love. There will never be anyone like Zell Miller, and he leaves an example that we need more of our political leaders to follow."

Other friends of Zell, such as Gov. Nathan Deal and former governor Sonny Perdue, highlighted the importance of his leadership as they eulogized Miller during his March 28

Executive State Funeral Service in the Georgia Capitol Rotunda.

"Zell Bryan Miller laid the foundation, I believe, that we stand on today, that we've stood on, to make Georgia the best state in which to do business for the last five years," said Perdue, now serving as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Continued Perdue: "I'm grateful for his life as a citizen of Georgia and as a citizen of the United States, and to see him and to know his love for his state and his love for his family. It is just an honor to celebrate here today with you

all. God bless you, Zell Bryan Miller."

During Miller's service at Peachtree Road UMC, his grandson Bryan shared a number of invaluable lessons he learned from his grandfather during his lifetime: the importance of loyalty and persistence, of family, hard work and more.

"Zell taught me how to be a good man, citizen, son and husband," said Bryan Miller, founder of the Miller Institute Foundation. "Zell taught many of us how to lead and be a good friend. But, most of all, Zell taught us how to live a happy life in the service of others."

With the help of Bryan Miller and the Miller Institute Foundation, the life lessons and hard work of Zell Miller will continue to inspire others, just as they have past and present Georgia governors, U.S. presidents, world leaders, and those right here in the North Georgia Mountains.

Miller grew up in North Georgia Mountains, and he graduated Young Harris College in 1951.

In 1953, he began his lifetime pursuit of service to others by enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps, and a year later, he married the love of his life, Shirley Carver, in 1954.

Zell and Shirley enjoyed 64 years of marriage and had two sons.

Miller served in the Marine Corps until 1956, and in 1958, he graduated from the University of Georgia with a master's degree in history.



Photo by Miller Institute Foundation

Zell Miller lying in state at the Georgia Capitol Rotunda during his third and final public memorial service on Wednesday, March 28.

After graduation from UGA, he returned to Young Harris College to begin a career as an educator.

Miller commenced his political career as mayor of Young Harris, the same office his mother Birdie once held, and he served there from 1959 to 1960.

Subsequently, he won election to the Georgia Senate and served from 1961 to 1964, and later, he became the longest serving lieutenant governor in Georgia history with his service of 16 years from 1975 to 1991.

He went on to become Georgia's 79th governor,

serving from 1991 to 1999, and from 2000 to 2005, Miller proudly represented his home state of Georgia in the U.S. Senate.

For more information on the life and times of Zell Miller, visit MillerFoundation.com.



Photo by Shawn Jarrard

Enotah Judicial Circuit Chief Superior Court Judge Murphy Miller, Zell's son, delivered a fond remembrance of growing up in the Miller household at his father's Young Harris College Memorial Service on Monday, March 26.

## UC Sheriff's Office Weapons Carry Class set for April 10

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Back by popular demand, the Union County Sheriff's Office is once again sponsoring a Weapons Carry Class.

The event will take place on Tuesday, April 10, and will run from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

This class is open to the public and free of charge, and it will be held at the Haralson Memorial Civic Center at 165 Wellborn Street in Blairsville.

Carol Rosenqvist of the Georgia Sports Shooting Association and NRA state affiliate will be on hand to sign up women who are interested in attending a free one-day class on hand guns this coming June, where lunch will be served.

Women interested in the one-day class will not need to bring a weapon, and the date will be sometime in June, to be announced at a later date.

Union County Sheriff Mack Mason encourages all women who have an interest in learning how to shoot and



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defend themselves to sign up for this free class.

Just before the start of the April 10 Weapons Carry Class, at 6 p.m., the sheriff and Union County Gun Club Officers will be on hand to answer questions and sign up those desiring to become new members.

An update on the proposed shooting range on U.S. Forest Service land will be given, and further details

regarding the range and how to become a gun club member will be available.

Staff Sgt. Billy Purcell of the Union County Sheriff's Office will conduct the Weapons Carry Class after the gun club meeting, at 6:30 p.m.

This will be SSgt. Purcell's fifth time teaching the class.

SSgt. Purcell has more than 30 years of law enforcement experience, including as a Georgia P.O.S.T. certified instructor with Firearms and Defensive Tactics as his major course of instruction. Staff Sergeant Purcell is also a two tour Vietnam vet.

The staff sergeant was senior instructor from 1986 to 2010 at Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College Police Academy, and in addition, he was the assistant director of the academy from 2002 to 2010.

SSgt. Purcell has a degree in criminal justice and graduated from the Professional Management Program, Command College, and also was a graduate of the prestigious Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy 159th Session.

In addition to his law enforcement service and education, Purcell was one of the few officers selected to travel to Israel and serve as a law enforcement exchange officer.

"Once again, this class is back by popular demand," Sheriff Mason said.

The training will cover "Do's and Don'ts" for carrying weapons and provide an overview of how people can legally defend themselves and their property as citizens. There is no fee or test for this class, just free information.

No firearm is required. Civic Center parking will be available, and the sheriff asks that attendees not park at the adjacent parking lot for Steve's Steakhouse Cookie Jar Restaurant.

Parking will also be available across the road on the hill at the county permit office.

Sheriff Mason said he will be looking forward to seeing you there.

## Blairsville - Union County Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony Saturday, May 26, 2018

The Blairsville-Union County Memorial Day Parade Committee invite you to attend and participate in the parade which will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 26, 2018. The parade route will wind around the old courthouse and end at the Union County War Memorial park. Also please join us at the park for a Memorial Day ceremony that begins shortly after the parade concludes.

Memorial Day commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in military service. Our country is engaged in a war with terrorism; one that we cannot afford to lose. Put aside for the day any foreign policy issues and honor our fallen heroes. We expect a large turnout with a sincere display of patriotism.

Your church, business, civic organization, or other group involvement in this

parade is one of the ways to demonstrate the theme of "For God and Country, Support Our Troops". We hope you are able to enter a float or a vehicle displaying our flag. Your participation with any kind of entry is the most important thing. Our community has a large veteran population and remembering those that gave the ultimate sacrifice is the proper thing to do.

Also a reminder for your home or business, to display the flag proudly and replace if faded or worn.

For more information on how to participate in the parade, see the entry form in the newspaper or contact the Georgia Department of Veterans Service, P.O. Box 782, Blairsville, GA 30514, phone number 706-745-6341, fax number 706-745-6801. Thank you for your support.

**Memorial Day Parade 2018**

Sponsored by:  
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Vietnam Veterans of America GA Chapter 1101,  
United Community Bank

**Saturday, May 26, 2018 • 10:00 AM**

**Theme: "For God and Country, Support Our Troops"**

If your civic organization, church, business or other group wishes to participate in the Memorial Day Parade, please fill out this entry form and return it to:  
**Georgia Department of Veterans Service  
P.O. Box 782 • Blairsville, GA 30514  
Phone 706-745-6341 / Fax 706-745-6801**

Please have your entry checked in between 8 - 9 a.m. in front of the old recreation gym by 371 School Circle, Blairsville, GA 30512.

Name of entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following types of entries:

Float (Length \_\_\_\_\_)

Vintage Car / Truck (Type of Vehicle): \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**"Please no candy throwing along parade route"**