

# Lyle Miller, Sr



Lyle Miller, Sr., comes from the Tatanka Witko Tiospaye of the Bad Nation area of the Yankton Sioux Tribe. His maternal Great grandparents were Josephine Pretty Feather and Mose Song Hawk. His maternal grandparents are Sophie Rose Song Hawk and Silas Dog Soldier. His parents are Roberta Dog Soldier and Harold “Curly” Miller.

Miller was born in the cold month of December in the City of Mitchell, SD and grew up in the surrounding communities on the Northern Plains he calls home. Miller has been an artist all his life. His dear friend, Val Pugsley, fostered him in the path of art. He also had a very special art teacher in Janet Stevenson at Chamberlain High School.

Miller received his Bachelor of Art degree from Dakota Wesleyan University. He taught art and Dakota Language at Crow Creek Tribal School, retiring in 2012 to pursue his study of the Lakota Language at the University of South Dakota and Sitting Bull College, Lakota Sumer Institute. He was Director of Tribal Historic Preservation at Yankton Sioux Tribe and Repatriation Specialist for the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe.

Miller was Artist in Residence at Crazy Horse Memorial in June 2015. He is currently pursuing his career as a professional artist. Miller is the father of five children. He was married for 24 years to his wife Cristy Lynn Taylor-Miller before her passing in 2006.

Miller is a veteran of the United States Army National Guard. He says his greatest motivation comes from teaching others. His family is the greatest factor in choosing the way he has led his life in. *Mitakuye Oyasin* is his philosophy of life – we are connected to everything in the universe. *Hau Hechetu yelo* (that is the way it is).

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