IN MEMORIAM

CUMC’S STEVEN Z. MILLER KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

Steven Z. Miller, 60, an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at The College of Physicians and Surgeons, was killed in a plane crash on Tuesday, Oct. 19. President Lee C. Brown expressed his condolences to Miller’s wife, Geraldine, and to his children.

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