



Richard P. Miller

March 26, 1942 - June 8, 2024

Richard “Dick” Philip Miller, beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather, passed away peacefully on June 8, 2024 in Canton, Michigan. He was 82. He was born in Detroit on March 26, 1942 to Philip and Roselind Miller.

Dick graduated from Royal Oak Dondero High School in 1959, then earned a Bachelor of Arts in Classics at Wesleyan University in 1964. He went on to earn a Master of Arts in Latin at Wayne State University and served as an adjunct lecturer in the Classics Department for several years.

Dick had a lifelong love of ancient history and was fluent in ancient Greek and Latin. He was known for his incredible piano playing and spent years entertaining the family with music, in particular Scott Joplin ragtime hits. He kept his sense of humor to the end, cracking jokes with caregivers and family alike.

As a “newspaperman,” Dick held positions at several newspapers over a decades-long career, including editorial, advertising, and bureau chief roles. In 1970, Dick became the third generation of the Miller family to serve as owner/publisher of the Daily Tribune, in Royal Oak. He followed his grandfather Floyd J. Miller, who founded the Daily Tribune in 1919, and father Philip F. Miller. Daily Tribune readers enjoyed reading Dick’s Personally Speaking column, which sometimes featured stories of his young daughters’ antics.

After leaving the newspaper business, Dick joined First of Michigan, becoming a Certified Financial Planner. Eventually he moved into a Corporate Vice

President role in charge of 31 branches. After 1992, he enjoyed consulting with small businesses.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Janet; daughters Victoria (Larry) Barkoff and Jenna (Richard) Bacolor; grandchildren Sophia Barkoff, Zoe Barkoff, Charlotte Barkoff, Madeline Bacolor, and Henry Bacolor; sister Marilyn (Larry) Trinkaus; and many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in death by his brother Jan Miller. A graveside burial service for immediate family was held at Forest Hills Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in honor of Richard P. Miller may be sent to the Wayne State University Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. (<https://give.wayne.edu/campaigns/48028/donations/new>)

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“ I was a caregiver for Mr. Miller, I really enjoyed playing his favorite music with Scott Joplin playing his ragtime songs. I especially enjoyed listen to his stories of he and his father going to Egypt. It was my pleasure and honor to provide care for him.

Robbin Kuhlman - June 12, 2024 at 11:49 AM

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“ I am very sad to hear of Dick's passing. I had the good fortune of being close to Dick and his family when I was a young man many years ago. The Millers were very kind and welcoming to me and treated me like I was part of their family. Dick was more of a father to me in the time I knew him than my own father ever was. I fondly recall the conversations we would have. Dick would share stories of his youth and struggles as a young man and I would relate them to my own experiences. He would not force advice upon me, but he would offer it if I asked. The time I spent with Dick, Janet, Jenna and Victoria many years ago was during a pivotal point in my life and they were a great influence upon me and my maturation. Dick and Janet's generosity towards me allowed me to take advantage of an opportunity that most likely wouldn't have been available to me otherwise. I am thankful that Dick played such an important role in my development and he and his family will always have a special place in my heart.



Dennis Tempia - June 11, 2024 at 10:38 PM

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“ Dick was one of my favorite graduate students! He was always happy to have long talks about Roman history and Latin literature. His generosity to Classics at Wayne was extraordinary and help us support many many students over the years. Terra sit levis, Dick.

Jennifer Moss - June 11, 2024 at 04:04 PM



“ Richard P. Miller was my oldest first cousin. Before my family departed from Royal Oak, Michigan, U really enjoyed hanging out with Dick. I remember when he purchased a Renault that needed lots of work. I handed him tools.

Dick had a special bond with my father, David L. Miller. In later years, Dick and I shared information on Miller genealogy. He and our cousin John Miller spent years tracking down records and gravestone.



Lawrence Miller - June 11, 2024 at 02:48 PM