



John McAdow Miller, M.D.

February 22, 1929 - June 27, 2018

“We have made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when we plant shade trees under which we know full well we will never sit” (Elton Trueblood)

John McAdow Miller, M.D., former director of the Indiana University Student Health Service and athletic physician, died on June 27, 2018 at the age of 89.

John was born and raised in Iowa City, Iowa on February 22, 1929. He earned his B.A. in general science in 1950 and his M.D. in 1953 from University of Iowa, graduating Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma. In 1951, he married Geraldine Cobb, and they made a home and had three children while John completed a medical internship at Michigan State University; served in the United States Navy as a Medical officer in Green Cove Springs, Florida; and moved to Bloomington in 1957 to join Indiana University's Student Health Service.

John dedicated his professional career to Indiana University, providing medical care to thousands of students and athletes. He became director of the Student Health Service in 1962 and continued to treat patients until 1978 when he was appointed Director of Sports Medicine by the Student Health Service and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. He was also appointed to the faculty in the School of Public Health where he taught in the graduate athletic training curriculum, supervised students, and published articles on the management of student health services, ethics in athletic medicine, and care of injured athletes. He retired from the university in 1994 after four decades of service.

John was deeply committed to making a difference in the local and national community. He served terms as president of the American College Health Association; the Mid-America College Health Association; the Sports Equipment Research Foundation; the Owen-Monroe Medical Society; and the Monroe Country Public Health Nursing Association. He was extensively involved with the Ambulatory Health Care Council of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals from 1979 to 1985, serving as a member of twenty-four site visitation teams and as chair for sixteen of these teams. He was also dedicated to improving safety standards for athletic equipment for interscholastic and intercollegiate athletes across the country and was as a long-term member of the Joint Commission on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. He served for 38

years on the board of directors for the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment, 10 of these years as president. He also served on the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification and as an advisory member of the Indiana Athletic Trainers Association.

John was also a prominent leader in the Bloomington community. Since 1957, he maintained active involvement in the First Christian Church of Bloomington, serving as deacon, elder, trustee, and chair of the board. He served as president of the Monroe Country United Ministries and on the advisory boards for the Salvation Army (honored in 2004 for 44 years of service); the Bloomington Hospital Strategic Planning Committee; and Indiana University Ministries of Higher Education. He provided leadership on the Indiana Association of Community Councils; the Monroe Country Community Service Council; the Region X Comprehensive Health Planning Council; the Utilities Service Board; the Bloomington Human Relations Advisory Group; Middle Way House; and Rotary Club. His many acts of leadership and service embodied his faith, compassion for others, and thoughtful spirit, leaving behind him institutions and communities that are stronger because of his contributions.

His leadership and service led to numerous awards. He was inducted as a fellow by the American College of Sports Medicine in 1962 and the American College Health Association in 1968. In 1980 he was awarded the Ruth E. Boynton Award by the American College Health Association for distinguished service, and in 1988 he was designated a Sagamore of the Wabash by former Indiana Governor Robert Orr. In 1990, he received the National Athletic Trainers Association's highest award, the President's Challenge Cup, for his dedication to improving health care. In 1993, the IU President Tom Ehrlich presented him with the E. Ross Barkley Award in recognition of his outstanding service to the university and the community, and the Terry Tallen Indiana Football Complex includes the Dr. John M. Miller Training Room in honor of his foundational contributions to the athletic program. He is a lifetime member of the University of Iowa and the Indiana University Alumni Associations, a life member of the I.U. Friends of Music, and a Paul Harris Fellow with Rotary International.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Lois McAdow Miller and Chester I. Miller. He is survived by his wife Geraldine C. Miller and three children, William C. Miller of Indianapolis, Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore (W. Mark Miller-McLemore) of Nashville, Tennessee, and Michael J. Miller of Indianapolis; six grandchildren, Christopher Ulizio (Sarah), Alicen Teitgen (Jake), John W. Miller (Brie), Kyle Miller (Ellie Lowe), Matthew Miller-McLemore (Julia McCleary), and Daniel Miller-McLemore; and three great-grandchildren, Jules and Eve Teitgen and Emma Miller.

His memorial service will take place at First Christian Church, 205 East Kirkwood Avenue, on Sunday July 1, 2018 at 2 PM with a reception at the church following the service. He will be interred in a private family service at Mount Gilead Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to a charity of choice. His wife and children are especially grateful for the long-term friendships and wonderful community in Bloomington, the amazing support of friends, and the loving care provided by an exceptional team of home health workers at Jill's House.

Events

JUL **Celebration of Life** **02:00PM**

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First Christian Church
205 East Kirkwood Ave, Bloomington, IN, US, 47408

Comments



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of John McAdow Miller, M.D..



June 29, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ Dear Gerry,

Willard and I send our heart-felt condolences to you on the passing of your dear husband. We thought of you both last evening as we had our block party in front of your condo. It is in a lovely spot, and we know you have many fond memories of your years together there.

You are in our thoughts.

Mollie Duckett

Mollie Duckett - June 29, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ Dr. John Miller was a silent, contributing giant in the Hoosier and Bloomington community. He had a bed side manner as he dealt with people, where they were. An infectious smile was a trademark. The world needs more John Millers. He and Jeri impacted the community like few people do. The Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" was the John that I knew. May he rest in peace? May his family find solace, knowing that his life was meaningful?

Harmon Baldwin - June 29, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of John McAdow Miller, M.D..



June 29, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ Bonnie & family,
Losing your dad can be extremely difficult because you are losing a source of strength, stability and consistency in your life. I am sorry for your loss, prayers for strength, peace and comfort as your reflect on your memories.

Tara Woods Pierson & Duane Hardwick

Tara Woods Pierson - June 28, 2018 at 08:41 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of John McAdow Miller, M.D..



June 28, 2018 at 03:08 PM



“ What an absolute pleasure to have John join our Volunteer and Visitor Services family at Bloomington Hospital after retiring. He was committed to our hospital, our patients and our visitors - he worked tirelessly to make sure needs were meet and our guests were taken care of and always with his sweet smile. We were blessed as I believe John was also blessed to continue serving. He will be missed by many as he touched the lives of many. Dear family and especially his wonderful wife thank you for sharing John with us.

Connie Hill - June 28, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ Sending Sincere Condolences to Gerri and the Miller Family:

I worked with John at the information desk at the Bloomington Hospital. He was one of the sweetest, most caring, dedicated volunteers I worked with. He was so knowledgeable and understanding with the visitors. I remember one time, during a tornado warning, I could not talk John into leaving his post. It certainly was a privilege meeting and working with John.

Sincerely,
Rita Hacker

Rita Hacker - June 28, 2018 at 11:31 AM