



## DR. RICHARD EARL MILLER

August 25, 1941 - January 7, 2017

SERVICES: 2:30 PM SUNDAY 1/8/2017 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

A LINK WILL BE PROVIDED FOR A WEBCAST OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE

Born in 1941 in Detroit, Dr. Miller earned his medical degree, graduating as the valedictorian of the 1966 class of the University of Michigan Medical School. He had a long career as a professor, research program director, research scientist, clinical specialist in endocrinology and metabolism, and provider of patient care, both at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and at Wayne State University School of Medicine. He was a kind man and a supportive mentor to many students and colleagues. In 2015, he was granted the position of Emeritus Professor at WSU School of Medicine. He loved his family dearly and enjoyed many activities, including bicycling, skiing, sailing, ballroom dancing, traveling and the annual family vacation at Camp Michigania.

Richard unflinchingly provided assistance to family and friends during medical crises, and was generous with his time and energy in arranging care for them. Devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, he was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Beloved husband for 51 years to Jane Miller.

Devoted father of Sandy Miller and Karen (Emily Drabinski) Miller.

Loving grandfather of Oscar Miller.

Cherished brother of Stan (Kaye) Miller, Jerry (Laura) Miller.

Dear brother-in-law to Susan (late Norman) Levitin and James (Susan) Cohen.

He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives and a world of friends.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi A. Alpert

INTERMENT:

Clover Hill Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva through Tuesday evening  
at the residence

30688 Hickory Lane

Franklin, MI 48025

(248) 737-5583

THE FAMILY HAS REQUESTED THAT CONDOLENCE VISITS BE MADE  
DAILY

BETWEEN 3:00 PM AND 8:00 PM

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

6:00 PM Sunday

7:00 PM Monday and Tuesday.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

DR. RICHARD E. MILLER

you may do so by making a contribution to

CONGREGATION T'CHIYAH

15000 W. 10 Mile Road

Oak Park, MI 48237

(248) 823-7115

[www.tchiyah.org](http://www.tchiyah.org)

or

A CHARITY OF YOUR CHOICE

# Cemetery Details

## Clover Hill Park Cemetery

2425 East 14 Mile Road  
Birmingham, MI 48009

# Previous Events

## Service

**JAN 8. 2:30 PM (ET)**

Hebrew Memorial Chapel  
26640 Greenfield Rd  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
(248) 543-1622  
info@hebrewmemorial.org  
<https://www.hebrewmemorial.org/>

## Shiva

**JAN 8 to 10 (ET)**

Jane Miller  
30688 Hickory Lane  
Franklin, MI 48025

# Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of DR. RICHARD EARL MILLER



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Hebrew Memorial Chapel - January 07, 2017 at 11:23 PM

MB

“ I'll always remember Rick as my soft spoken well rounded "renaissance" friend. Cross country skiing at North Chagrin, attending the Doc Rock concert at CWRU, and the tour of his research lab. Mike Beerman 1/14/2017

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mike beerman - January 14, 2017 at 12:05 PM

AH

“ part of my love affair with Toni was to share the friendship of Rick and Jane for the past 55 years or more.. I am proud to have been part of that union and the "genesis " of Dr. Rick Miller..compassionate .the most caring person I have ever met!! For all those that knew him the WORLD has been a better place....for Rick taught us how all to be a better person and kindness for our fellow man. Rick's memories will be always everlasting.. with love and sorrow Aaron and all the Hoffman clan.

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Aaron Hoffman - January 09, 2017 at 03:53 PM

DP

“ I met Rick on the docks at Camp Michigania. Having missed the sailing lesson, I was standing there looking forlorn, and Rick noticed and asked if I wanted to sail with him. And that was the beginning of our sailing friendship throughout the many years we went to camp together week 10. He was always a relaxed and supportive sailing buddy. I will never forget the time he had me sail and I turtled the boat! Neither of us could upright it and when we were rescued, he told me he had just recovered from cardiac surgery! And in his calm way, he just laughed about it. Jane, you know I loved Rick and in my mind, he is forever young - sailing with me on beautiful Walloon Lake, enjoying life. I will miss him and cherish the memories. Debby Portney

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**Debby Portney** - January 08, 2017 at 02:54 PM

AS

“ Dr. Richard Miller was exemplary researcher and leader at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center. He was humble, kind and caring for individuals around him. Although I knew Dr. Miller for not a long time but will always remember when helped me apply for my first career development award from the VA. He called central office and shared his passion for my application as if it was his. He was full of energy and warmth that can be felt in his office every time I went there. I am honored that I knew him and I will always miss him. My sincere condolences and heart go to his family.  
Abdulghani Sankari

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**Abdulghani Sankari** - January 08, 2017 at 02:24 PM

DK

“ I will always remember one of my earliest interactions with Dr. Richard Miller. Many years ago he invited me as a newly funded VA investigator to present a seminar at the Dingell VA Medical Center. I accepted his gracious offer and asked if many people would attend. The trap was set. Rick responded with his characteristic wry grin that the room would be filled to capacity. I stated that I did not think anyone cared about my research or would want to hear about it. Rick said “oh, they don’t, they will be there for the pizza that we bring in for seminars”. He and I never stopped laughing about that one and it was the beginning of a caring and highly valued relationship for me- both professionally and personally. I will miss him very much and my heart goes out to his family.

*Donald M. Kuhn*

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**Donald M. Kuhn** - January 08, 2017 at 12:40 PM

BO

“ Since I've know Rick from the time we were 12 years old until now, there are many memories; many things about him that were virtues; and many ways he contributed to others as well as his family and friends. He was a man a integrity and ethics. He was proud to be a physician, researcher, teacher, and mentor. He took pride in his work, his colleagues, and the opportunity that life had given him. There are many ways that a person who contributes does so that either go unnoticed or do not get the headlines. Rick made many contributions to life, the lives of others, and to his colleagues. When someone contributes as he did in a continual and dedicated way, only those around him know the depth of what he has and is doing. Rick is and was that kind of person and many others who have been around him will take him with them as they go through their personal and professional lives. He will be missed. And he will be appreciated. And he will have made a difference to others. That's a life of value. Lois and I will miss you Rick but we will not forget you.  
Barry and Lois Ostrow

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Barry & Lois Ostrow - January 08, 2017 at 12:26 PM

MS

“ I will always remember Rick was unfailingly gracious, kind and sincere. A mensch. Our deeply felt condolences go out to Jane and the whole family for this terrible loss. Merton and Linda Shill

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Merton Shill - January 08, 2017 at 10:43 AM

SC

“ Dr Miller was an outstanding individual and great mentor and educator. As the ACOS of Research he helped me and numerous investigators start their research careers. He will be greatly missed.  
Susmita Chowdhuri

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S Chowdhuri - January 08, 2017 at 08:34 AM

JR

“ Rick was a great leader of the VA research mission in Detroit. He encouraged many collaborations between VA scientists, Wayne State faculty, and students working together. Also always a welcome and active participant at our synagogue, Congregation Tchiyah. You will be missed.

Jeffrey Ram - January 08, 2017 at 05:46 AM

JW

“ Dr. Miller was a very wonderful man he will be greatly missed by many people I enjoyed my time together I had with dr. Miller I always enjoy coming to his house and helping him out for the evening or the day we always had a good time together ! Dr. Miller I will keep you in my heart my friend and I will see you again one day now you are in peace your friend jaime

Jaime wright - January 07, 2017 at 10:50 PM



Dick, my neighbor, was a shining star of Hickory Lane! Always coming down to a party to enjoy our community and share his stories. He lived an example for all of us to stay focused on what life is all about. We will miss him....

Steve and Sue Gregerson

Steve Gregerson - January 09, 2017 at 06:42 PM

FC

We are sad to learn about Richard's death. He was a lovely man. Please know that your family is in our hearts and thoughts.

Fondly,  
Gaye Tischler & Frank Castronova

frank castronova - January 10, 2017 at 10:01 AM