



## Richard A. Miller

June 20, 1937 - January 25, 2024

Richard Miller, Age 86, of Rochester Hills, MI went home to be with his Lord and Savior on January 25, 2024. Richard was the beloved husband of Jeanette (nee Sikora) for 55 Years. Devoted father of Kathleen (Jim) Duggan. Proud and involved “Putt” to Noah, Aidan, Liam and Anna Duggan. Richard was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Gertrude Miller (nee Czarnecki) and his brother Michael (Gail) Miller. Caring brother of Kathleen Miller and Gail (Michael) LaPointe.

Richard was born in Detroit and raised in Hamtramck, MI. As noted by his mother in his baby book, while Richard wasn’t saying many words at age 1, by age 2, he wouldn’t stop talking! Always the student, he enjoyed learning about things and shared his lifelong love of learning with hundreds of students that he worked with over the course of his 42 year teaching career (following in the footsteps of his father who was also a teacher).

Richard graduated from Hamtramck high school in 1955 and went on to Eastern Michigan University where he earned his teaching certificate and then on to Wayne State University where he earned his Master’s Degree. Richard worked in both Pontiac and Center Line Schools as a special education teacher. During his career, he was also a middle & high school basketball and football coach in Center Line Schools and was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1994.

Richard was an athlete from the beginning and excelled in baseball. He played college ball for two years at Eastern Michigan University. Later in life, he took up golfing. Some of his best (and worst days!) we're spent on the golf course with his friends from Centerline as well as his brother Michael. His hole in 1 was the highlight of his golfing career!

Richard was a proud member of Father Kramer K of C 3rd degree and K of C Divine Mercy 4th degree.

Richard will be remembered for his kind heart, giving ways and strong faith in God. The family would like to thank the staff at Cedarbrook of Rochester for their care, kindness and compassion over the past two and a half years and they would also like to thank the caring staff at Accent Hospice who cared for Richard in the final months of his life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Capuchins.

Rest easy Daddy. We know you are finally home, at peace and whole again and were undoubtedly welcomed home with "well done, good and faithful servant".

Visitation will be on Friday, February 2, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a 7:00 PM Rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 49150 Schoenherr Rd., (N of 22 Mile Rd.) Shelby Township, Michigan. In State Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. until the time of mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary of the Hills Catholic Church, 2675 John R Rd., Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307.

For those that are unable to attend Richard's funeral service please feel free to join us at <https://www.smoth.org> and then click on the 'Livestream' button

and then the 'Special Events' button to view the livestream of his funeral Mass.

Immediately following the mass, burial will take place in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, Michigan. However, there will be no procession to the cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48035

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

FEB 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
[shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com](mailto:shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com)

## Rosary

FEB 2. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
[shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com](mailto:shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com)

## Instate in church

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FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of the Hills Catholic Church  
2675 John R Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

## Funeral Mass

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FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of the Hills Catholic Church  
2675 John R Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

## Committal Service

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FEB 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Resurrection Cemetery  
18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48035

# Tribute Wall

SK

“ Sharon Kane lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Miller



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**Sharon Kane** - February 03, 2024 at 02:55 PM

SK

“ Our sincere condolences to the family ~ sending our love and prayers.

*Sharon and Al Kane*

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**Sharon Kane** - February 03, 2024 at 02:54 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Richard. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of his life. Please be assured of my prayers for the entire Miller family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Richard.

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**Br Nick Blattner OFM Capuchin** - February 01, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard A. Miller.



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February 01, 2024 at 07:04 AM

MM

“ Dear Jeanette and Kathleen,

*Richard was a true delight and it was often the highlight of my day to care for him. I'm so sorry for your loss. May he rest in eternal peace. Prayers to you and the rest of your family.*

*Michelle McClure*

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**Michelle McClure** - January 30, 2024 at 11:50 PM

RM

“ Dick was a very enthusiastic teacher and coach of many years at Center Line public Schools. I met him early on in my teaching career and we became friends. Dick was always upbeat, kind and considerate of others, traits that never go out of style.

*We also played golf together, beginning after school on Fridays and continuing into the summer and into retirement. We made annual summer trips to play golf up north at Sugar Springs where our host, fellow teacher Joel Pehote, always saw to it that we had a great time. And we did!!*

*I have many fond memories of working with and sharing great golf experiences with Dick, and above all, I will never forget him. Rest in peace good friend, and I'll see you on the back nine.*

*Rich McMahon* 

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**Richard F McMahon** - January 30, 2024 at 10:29 PM

RD

“ *Ron DeGuire lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Miller*



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**Ron DeGuire** - January 30, 2024 at 10:59 AM

BS

“ *Uncle Richard was a wonderful man and great family member. I have many memories of celebrating holidays and vacation time. RIP*

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**Bob Sautter** - January 29, 2024 at 06:57 PM

JB

“ *So sorry to lose a dear friend. Back in the day we all started teaching at Busch Jr High. Don and I enjoyed lunch with Dick most days and laughs too. A great friend, teacher and coach. Jeanette and family, we will miss him dearly.*

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**Judy Beck** - January 29, 2024 at 12:50 PM