



Theodore Robert Miller

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Ted Miller passed away on October 27, 2013 after an extended illness. Born in Marlborough, MA and raised in Walla Walla, WA, Ted turned a tough childhood into a magnificent life full of love, professional achievement and service to God and others.

Ted married the love of his life, Marjorie Knutson of Wenatchee, WA, on August 31, 1957. He graduated from Walla Walla College in 1960 and from Loma Linda School of Medicine in 1964. He served as a captain in the Army and after his discharge, practiced Family Medicine in Chelan, WA. In 1968, Ted began a residency in Radiology at Swedish Hospital in Seattle. The family moved to Kettering, OH in 1971, where Ted began his career in Radiology at Kettering Medical Center. Vowing that the move would only be for a very short term; they ended up spending 34 years away from their home state of Washington. Ted retired in 2005 and moved to California, where he began a new career teaching medicine and practicing radiology alongside his son, Jon, at Loma Linda. After Ted's second retirement in 2010, he finally moved home to Wenatchee.

Ted and Marge had three boys, Jeff, Jace and Jon, before his graduation from medical school, followed by daughters Julie and Jamy. Having been raised in a turbulent broken home, he dedicated his life to providing a stable and loving home for his family and afforded every opportunity for his children to succeed in their desired pursuits. Though tired from working long hours and serving on numerous boards and committees, he was never too busy to be there for his kids. After arriving home from a long day, he would immediately change his clothes and go outside to play football, basketball or baseball with his children and all the other kids in the neighborhood. In order to be close to his kids, he served as leader of the Youth Department at the Kettering SDA Church for over 20 years, took large groups of kids on hundreds of camping trips over the years and helped coach numerous sports teams. Education was a high priority for Ted and he volunteered his time and talents to serve on the Spring Valley Academy school board for many years. He was always there for his children, as well as other children, who needed guidance and support. The toughest battle he ever endured was the death of his eldest son, Jeff, as a result of cancer.

Ted was an extraordinary physician. Keen intellect, calm nerves and incredible dexterity made him a fine interventional radiologist and contributed to a long and successful career. He chaired his physician group for many years, served on the Kettering Medical Center Board of Directors and as chief of Kettering's medical staff.

No matter how successful he became, he never forgot where he came from or how to treat people. Whether a surgeon or a housekeeper, the president of the hospital, or a first year nursing student, he would treat everyone with respect, kindness and a real interest in them. All knew that he really cared about them.

This is the legacy he left: A love for God, a love for his family and kindness

and compassion for all he came into contact with. He was a good man!

He leaves behind his wife, Marjorie; brother, Ron; children, Jace, Jon, Julie and Jamy; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Jeff; and sister, Joanne.

Friends are invited to Celebrate Ted's life at a Memorial Service on November 16, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the Wenatchee Seventh-day Adventist Church, 600 N. Western Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801. In lieu of flowers, contributions may go to the Wenatchee SDA Church Community Service Center, 606 N. Western Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801.

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“ I was very sad to hear the passing of Dr. Miller. I first met him when I came to Kettering College of Medical Arts to take Radiologic Technology in September of 1974. I finished in 1976 and worked a year in the Radiology department at Kettering Hospital as an X-Ray tech. In 1978 Dr. Miller asked me if I wanted to learn ultrasound on the job and work with Carol Halladay to start up the ultrasound department. Of course I said yes and I spent the next 13 years working as a sonographer along side Dr. Miller. In 1991 I left the hospital and worked for an ultrasound company and eventually ended up in sales. If it weren't for Dr. Miller, I would be where I am today. Not only did I learn a lot about ultrasound from him but also about life in general, being positive and to be the best that you can be. Thank you Dr. Miller for everything that you did for me! I will miss you greatly!

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