



Richard Jackson Miller

July 17, 1946 - June 6, 2025

Richard (“Rick”) Jackson Miller, known affectionately to family as Ricky or Key, was called home by God on June 6, 2025, at the age of 78. He passed away peacefully at his home in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. A beloved husband, father, grandfather who will always be remembered for his kindness.

Richard was born on July 17, 1946, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to the late Wayne Dolph Miller and Margarite (Von Sitany) Miller. He grew up in Highland Park, Illinois, and graduated from Highland Park High School in 1964 where he was co-captain of the HPHS swim team and nationally recognized as an “All America Swimmer,” holding a record in freestyle that stood for over 50 years.

Rick continued his swimming career at the University of North Carolina where he graduated with an AB degree in political science in 1968. He was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta

social fraternity and served as president of the Epsilon Chapter of the fraternity. He graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1971 with his JD degree. He served in the United States Army Reserves as a First Lieutenant (1971–1979).

Richard devoted more than 50 years of his professional career and his life to the practice of public finance law. He began his journey in New York City in 1973 and later became the managing partner of the Florida office of Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Ferdon in 1986. He joined the West Palm Beach, Florida, office of Edwards & Angell in 1995, which, through a series of mergers is now an office of Troutman Pepper Locke. It was in Florida that Richard made his mark, including serving as bond counsel to the South Florida Water Management District in connection with the \$1.8 Billion Accelerate Program for the restoration of the Florida Everglades (which bond transaction won The Bond Buyer's National Deal of the Year award in 2007), and successfully representing Escambia County in overturning the Florida Supreme Court's initial decision to invalidate most of the state's COPs and community redevelopment revenue bonds (in excess of \$13 Billion). His broad reach included clients in Florida, California, Tennessee, New York, Illinois, Indiana, Colorado and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Richard was an accomplished golfer and avid fan of the games. He put this knowledge to good use in financings for the Miami Marlins, the Houston Astros, the Washington Nationals, the St. Louis Cardinals, the Memphis Grizzlies, and the Ball Park of the Palm Beaches. Richard has also been instrumental in courthouse financings across multiple counties and has worked on major airport and seaport financings. He was a published author, a Fellow of the American College of Bond Counsel, and consistently ranked as one of The Best Lawyers in America®.

Richard was an active and dedicated member of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Tequesta, Florida, since 1989. He served on the vestry, consulted with property acquisition over the years, and was active in the community.

Richard leaves behind a loving family: wife, Teresa (Pettay, Dailey) Miller; children, Matthew (Sunny) Miller (Winchester, Kentucky), Jonathan (Molli) Miller (Littleton, Colorado), Rebecca (Brandon) Levine (Palm Beach Gardens, Florida), Laura Miller (Bad Elster, Germany), Abigail Miller (Chicago, Illinois); stepson, Adam (Milan Kulics) Dailey (Cincinnati, Ohio); grandchildren, Credence Miller, Verity Miller, Clovis Miller, June Miller, Max Miller, Gibson Levine, Corbin Levine, Michael Davis; step-grandson, Solomon Miller; children from a previous marriage, Nicole Miller, Andrew Miller, Katheryn Miller (deceased),

Penelope

Miller (Silver Springs, Maryland); siblings, Bruce (Susan) Miller, Carole (Bert, deceased)

French, twin Ronald (Jonni) Miller; and several half siblings, nieces, and nephews.

Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Pompano Beach, Florida.

Reverend

Sanford Grof will officiate the burial service. All are welcome to attend and celebrate

Richard's life. The family would like to thank Trustbridge Hospice for their care.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Rick's favorite charity:

Send a check via mail:

Development & Alumni Relations

Des Moines University

8025 Grand Ave.

West Des Moines, IA 50266

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*in the designation drop down menu, choose "Katie Miller Cancer Research Fund"

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

Pompano Beach, FL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 17. 2:00 PM.

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens
Pompano Beach, FL