



CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LOVE OF
George E. Miller M.D.

September 16, 1940 - January 22, 2026



George Edward Miller was a hardworking and generous man who impacted countless lives. George was deeply passionate about his work in General, Vascular and Thoracic Surgery, and he was known for his wonderful bedside manner, always treating his patients with compassion and genuine care. He was a mentor to many, generously sharing his expertise, and remained at the forefront of his profession, driven by a deep interest in technology and a commitment to advancing both his career and the field of medicine through research and innovation. George had a dry sense of humor and a mild-mannered nature, yet he rolled with the punches and carried himself with an easygoing, laid-back spirit. He was always ready to offer a word of wisdom or a listening ear, striving to be fully present in every moment with those around him.

George's journey began on September 16, 1940, born in Timons, Canada, to Morris and Sylvia Miller (nee Geddes). He had an older sister, Lori, and the family moved to Toronto, Canada, during George's early childhood years. George played hockey throughout his high school years, and after graduating in 1957, he attended the University of Ontario, where he continued pursuing the sport he loved. He knew he wanted to pursue a career in the medical field and chose the University of Toronto for his residency and completed his seven year Surgical Residency at the University of Cincinnati, one of the top schools in the nation. He trained under Dr. William Altemeier, whom he admired not only for his wisdom but also for the kind of person he was. George was young and intelligent, just beginning his career and eager to learn. This marked the beginning of a career spanning over 35 years, marked by numerous accolades and accomplishments. Throughout, he shared his knowledge and passion for medicine, continuously giving back and paving the way for others.

George and his first wife welcomed three children—Daniel, Aaron, and Sara—while he began and ran a private surgical practice in Ft. Thomas, Kentucky. After their divorce, he focused on his career while navigating the challenges of co-parenting, embracing the responsibilities of being a single father.

In 1986, he met the love of his life, Paula Harris, while working at St. Elizabeth Hospital. She was an RN, and they shared an immediate connection. After dating for nearly three years, they tied the knot in April 1989. He found true happiness and warmly welcomed her two daughters, Courtney and Wesley, who were three and six years old at the time.





In 1992, Paula and George joyfully welcomed the birth of their son Michael. The blended family settled in Northern Kentucky, where they lovingly raised their children, creating new traditions and cherished memories together. Annual ski trips to Colorado are

fondly remembered, and large family gatherings at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter became cherished Miller family traditions. Paula and George eagerly anticipated their annual trips to the Caribbean for scuba diving, a hobby that George especially loved. Even though George was busy with his practice, he always carved out quality time to make it to the kid's swimming events, even giving of his time being an official. The kids participated in competitive, year-round swimming, with demanding practices scheduled before and after school throughout the week. It was a busy but rewarding time for the Millers. Paula and George loved watching them compete and pursue a hobby they were passionate about.

Paula and George enjoyed spending time at De Felice's over a delicious meal after a hectic week. They enjoyed weekends at Lake Cumberland with good friends, relaxing on a houseboat to unwind from their busy schedules. George held a special place in his heart for their pug dogs over the years: "Mason," "Maggie," "Marley" and their most recent Frenchie dog, "Millie Miller."



Paula and George easily made friends, whether with colleagues, parents of children the same age, or neighbors, and their community played a central role in their lives. As the years passed and medicine advanced, George stayed at the forefront of innovation, leading in laparoscopic and robotic surgery, helping to develop instruments that improved surgical outcomes, and earning recognition for his contributions to the field. In 2015, he retired, and the couple purchased a home at Lake Cumberland, a place they both treasured. They lived there for five years, and even in retirement, he found time to make

visiting rounds at local hospitals. Paula and George were overjoyed to welcome thirteen grandchildren as their family continued to grow. In 2020, they moved back to the Northern Kentucky area to be closer to family. George began to show some early signs of dementia, but continued to make family his priority, attending his grandchildren's games and activities. George attended church services on a regular basis at Lakeside Methodist, Crossroads Oakley, and most recently Seven Hills Church in Florence, Kentucky. He would once again place his trust in God, relying on his faith to carry him through the difficult days following his diagnosis.

Sadly, George's health started to decline, and though some days were harder than others, George remained positive and bravely carried on for his family, making the most of every day. He peacefully passed away on January 22, 2026. George was a friend to many and beloved by all who knew him. Reflecting on the life and legacy of George Miller, it is clear that he embodied both unwavering dedication and unconditional love for his family, friends, and patients.



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