MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
John M. Miller, M.D.
(1929-2018)

John McAdow Miller, M.D., former director of the Indiana University Student Health Service and athletic physician, died on June 27, 2018 at the age of 89. John was born on February 22, 1929, and raised in Iowa City, Iowa. He earned his B.A. in general science in 1950 and his M.D. in 1953 from the University of Iowa, graduating Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma. In 1951, he married Geraldine Cobb, and they made a home and had three children while John completed a medical internship at Michigan State University; served in the United States Navy as a Medical officer in Green Cove Springs, Florida; and moved to Bloomington in 1957 to join Indiana University’s Student Health Service.

John dedicated his professional career to Indiana University, providing medical care to thousands of students and athletes. He became director of the Student Health Service in 1962 and continued to treat patients until 1978 when he was appointed director of Sports Medicine by the Student Health Service and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. He was also appointed to the faculty in the School of Public Health where he taught in the graduate athletic training curriculum, supervised students, and published articles on the management of student health services, ethics in athletic medicine, and care of injured athletes. He retired from the university in 1994 after four decades of service. John was deeply committed to making a difference in the local and national community. He served terms as president of the American College Health Association, the Mid-America College Health Association, the Sports Equipment Research Foundation, the Owen-Monroe Medical Society, and the Monroe Country Public Health Nursing Association. He was extensively involved with the Ambulatory Health Care Council of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals from 1979 to 1985, serving as a member of twenty-four site visitation teams and as chair for sixteen of these teams. He was also dedicated to improving safety standards for athletic equipment for interscholastic and intercollegiate athletes across the country and was a long-term member of the Joint Commission on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. He served for 38 years on the board of directors for the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment, ten of these years as president. He also served on the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification and as an advisory member of the Indiana Athletic Trainers Association.

He was inducted as a fellow by the American College of Sports Medicine in 1962 and by the American College Health Association in 1968. In 1980, he was awarded the Ruth E. Boynton Award by the American College Health Association for distinguished service and in 1988 he was designated a Sagamore of the Wabash by former Indiana Governor Robert Orr. In 1990, he received the National Athletic Trainers Association’s highest award, the President’s Challenge Cup, for his dedication to improving health care. In 1993, then Indiana University President Tom Ehrlich presented him with the E. Ross Barkley Award in recognition of his outstanding service to the university and the community, and the Terry Tallen Indiana Football Complex includes the Dr. John M. Miller Training Room in honor of his foundational contributions to the athletic training program. He was a lifetime member of the University of Iowa and the Indiana University Alumni Associations, a life member of the I.U. Friends of Music, and a Paul Harris Fellow with Rotary International.

John was also a prominent leader in the Bloomington community. Since 1957, he maintained active involvement in the First Christian Church of Bloomington, serving as deacon, elder, trustee, and chair of the board. He served as president of the Monroe Country United Ministries and on the advisory boards for the Salvation Army (honored in 2004 for 44 years of service), the Bloomington Hospital Strategic Planning Committee, and Indiana University Ministries of Higher Education. He provided leadership on the Indiana
Association of Community Councils, the Monroe Country Community Service Council, the Region X Comprehensive Health Planning Council, the Utilities Service Board, the Bloomington Human Relations Advisory Group, Middle Way House, and the Rotary Club. His many acts of leadership and service embodied his faith, compassion for others, and thoughtful spirit, leaving behind him institutions and communities that are stronger because of his contributions. His leadership and service led to numerous awards.

Dr. Miller is survived by his wife Geraldine C. Miller and three children, William, Bonnie and Michael; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Dr. Miller leaves a lasting legacy both at Indiana University and in the Bloomington community.

This resolution will be presented in and become a part of the minutes of the Bloomington Faculty Council, and a copy of the resolution will be sent after its presentation to Geraldine Miller.

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