



## Larry D. Miller

October 28, 1935 - April 12, 2025

Larry D. Miller, 89, passed away on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born on October 28, 1935, to Robert and Sadie (Troyer) Miller. He was a native of Millersburg, OH and an Army veteran. He married Carol Riesenweber in Appleton, WI on September 4, 1962. They enjoyed nearly 63 years of marriage together; she survives. Also surviving is his son, David Miller of East Peoria.

He was preceded in death by his sister.

In 1962, Larry graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in Physical Therapy. He worked as a physical therapist in the Peoria area for 42 years, until he retired in June of 2004. For the majority of those years, he was employed by IPMR. He was active in many service organizations, as well as the American Physical Therapy Association and served as president of the first Physical Therapy Club at OSU.

At Larry's request, cremation rites have been accorded, and there will be no services. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria is assisting the family. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Larry was one terrific boss!! He had so much knowledge about PT and shared it with all the therapists under him. He was kind & gentle, yet got his patients to reach their goals! When Bob Hope came to Peoria, Larry was Hope's massage therapist!!! What an honor & tribute!! Even after our career's took us in different directions...Larry never forgot his PT coworkers. I was so happy to see him at my Graduation Party for my MS degree! When Larry went to work at LHV, we crossed paths again, as I worked at LHV before him. I pray for God's peace & comfort to fill the hearts of his family & loved ones. May the Lord keep them close as they walk their journey of grief. Blessings to Larry's family....Paula Koy

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**Paula Koy** - April 15, 2025 at 11:15 AM

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“ Larry was a terrific person and physical therapist. I had the pleasure of working with him for many years at IPMR. His kind and gentle demeanor always put patients at their ease. He was always a delight to work with for both patients and staff. As a physical therapist, he helped many people over the years, recover from countless different types of conditions. My deepest condolences to his friends and family. Larry and his loved ones will be in my prayers.

*Dr. Lisa Snyder*

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**Lisa Snyder** - April 15, 2025 at 08:32 AM

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“ Larry was my first boss in Physical Therapy at IPMR at St. Francis Hospital on the Rehab Unit in 1976. I learned more from Larry on my first job and what I learned helped me throughout my career. I remember him telling me that when Bob Hope would come to Peoria, he was his personal massage therapist. How interesting that must have been. I am in debt to Larry for so much and am sad to hear of his passing. My sympathies to you and your family and I will remember Larry in my prayers.

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**Jerry Pica** - April 14, 2025 at 10:14 PM