



*Richard James Miller*

*August 15, 1927 – October 31, 2020*

# **A Service of Witness to the Resurrection**

In Loving and Grateful Memory of

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Moir Park

Bloomington, Minnesota

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**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Unison Prayer**

**O Lord our God,**

**We come before your gracious presence to mourn our loss, to receive comfort from your word and from one another, to contemplate our own mortality, to turn our hearts toward you.**

**Impress upon us in this hour that this world is not the end that satisfies our spirits, but a place of pilgrimage in which you have set us.**

**And so, amid the changes and fragility of this life, grant that our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Unison Scripture** Psalm 23 (*see back page*)

**Remembrances**

John Chadwick, Jack Kley  
& Jim McCarl

**Scripture**

John 14: 1–4, II Corinthians 1: 3–4

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Commendation**

**Blessing**



*Following the service, you are invited to join the family and friends for a box lunch right here at Moir Park. The box lunch is a favorite picnic lunch of Rich’s: ham salad sandwich, potato salad, chips, cookie and water.*



Presiding Pastors .....Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Born August 15, 1927 in Topeka, Kansas.

Grew up in a home hand built by parents. Spent time with extended family at a farm outside of Topeka.

In high school, worked at Edelbluth's drug store as a soda jerk; worked at the Post Exchange at the VA; spent a couple of summers working for Santa Fe railroad stringing line in western Kansas.

Graduated Topeka High School 1945.

Enlisted in Navy, summer of 1945. Served aboard an Escort Aircraft Carrier-USS Munda (CVE-104) in the Pacific Theatre until the summer of 1946.

Started at Washburn University (Topeka, Kansas) fall of 1946. Joined Alpha Delta Fraternity and served in all offices, last as President in 1950- 51.

Married Charline Mandeville (THS '47) in 1950 and set up house in Topeka, Kansas. Both graduated from Washburn in 1951. Charline earned a double Bachelor of Science in Home Economics and Mathematics, and Rich earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry.

Rich and Charline have 3 children: Stephanie, 1953–1997; Brian, b. 1956, living in Minneapolis; and Elizabeth, b. 1967, living in Minnetonka.

Found work through a fraternity brother at Briman's Jewelers during college. After graduating, put his degree to work at Sunflower Ordinance briefly, but found the job lacking in social camaraderie that he previously enjoyed. Returned to Briman's and stayed for a total of 18 years.

Became members of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Shared ownership of a sailboat with friends and spent many weekends sailing on Lake Shawnee. Restored a blue 1953 MG-TD. Built a Heath Kit reel-to-reel tape deck to fit into custom wall cabinet. Built corner china hutch and desks for kids' rooms.

In 1966, began working for Zale Corporation at Wolf's Jewelers in downtown Topeka. In 1969, took the opportunity to become regional manager for Zale-owned Jacob's chain of jewelers in Minneapolis. The family landed in Bloomington, Minnesota and soon became members of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church.

Left the Zale Corporation in 1980 and purchased Gustafson's, a small independent jewelry store in downtown Minneapolis. Son Brian joined the Gustafson's team, and later Charline as visual merchandiser. Took advantage of the new personal computer fad and began writing his own software to keep track of sales, customers, merchandise, and vendors. He loved DOS and never fully embraced Windows as the rest of the world did. Retired and closed the store in 1999.

Enjoyed traveling with church friends to Europe, and many trips to visit friends and family around the country. Shared his home ownership skills and time with his kids as they purchased their own homes.

Was President of the Merchants Division of the Minneapolis Downtown Council; active in Rotary International Club #9, Minneapolis Breakfast Club, Bloomington Historical Society, Minnesota Historical Society, Twin Cities Civil War Round Table, and Lake Minnetonka Stamp Club. Active member at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, was ordained an elder, and never missed a Men's Prayer Breakfast.

Outside interests: family, genealogy, philately, computer programming, asset and financial planning and management, home repair and maintenance, vinyl record collecting, and carrying on e-mail correspondence with family and friends.

Died October 31, 2020 in Bloomington, Minnesota.



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## **Psalm 23**

*The Lord is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.*

*He makes me lie down  
in green pastures,  
He leads me beside still waters.*

*He restores my soul.*

*He leads me  
in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk  
through the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,*

*for you are with me;*

*Your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.*

*You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me*

*all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house  
of the Lord forever.*