



## Dr. Edward A. Millar

May 3, 1920 - January 3, 2020

Dr. Edward A. Millar, 99, passed away on Friday, January 3, 2020 with his family at his side.

He was born on May 3, 1920 along with his twin brother Donald, in Woodward, Alabama. He graduated from the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, AL) in 1941 and Northwestern University Medical School (Evanston, IL) in 1945.

Dr. Millar did his residency at Hines Veterans Administration Hospital (Hines, IL) and Shriners Hospital for Children (Chicago, IL). He donated his time and expertise as a surgeon to Shriners Hospital until he became Chief Surgeon in 1965.

Dr. Millar served as a medical doctor in the Navy in the Pacific Theatre in the 1940s.

Dr. Millar was an Orthopedic Surgeon with a private practice, at Swedish Covenant Hospital and Evanston Hospital. He became the Chief Surgeon at Shriners Hospital for Children in 1965, and worked there until 2008. There, he and his mentor Dr. Sofield developed a new surgical intervention for children with osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease). Dr. Millar worked with Shriners to offer free orthopedic treatment for cleft lip and palate, spinal injury rehab for children, and many other innovative programs for young people.

Dr. Millar was married to Dorothy Lee Chamberlain in 1946. They have 10 children, 27 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren. They were married for 74 years.

A visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. followed by a service at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Avenue, (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville, IL. Interment will be at Lakeside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Dr. Millar Education and Research Fund, Attn. Dan Winter, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave. Chicago, IL 60707 or Shriners Children's Hospital, Chicago. For info: 847-362-3009 or share the memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).



# Comments

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“ I had the great fortune of working with Dr. Millar at Shriners Hospital in the late 70's and early 80's, and I've thought of him many times over the years since then. From him I learned many valuable lessons. What a great man!

**Mary Anne Prost** - March 21, 2020 at 06:18 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working at Shriners Hospital from age 14 to 26. I grew up there. Dr. Millar was a fatherly figure for me. I had a wonderful father at home and Dr. Millar at work. I recall being invited to a picnic at his home on St. Mary's Road. When I left Shriners, Dr & Mrs Millar gave me a parting gift. I'll never forget that. I visited the hospital several times after that and would seek him out. As my own dad aged and I helped care for him, Dr. Millar was always in the back of my mind. I had every intention of visiting him during those years of caring for my dad because I knew how important those visits were to me and my family. I am so sorry to have missed that opportunity and his memorial service. My precious memories (and a few photos) of Dr. Millar will always be with me. Thank you, Dr. Millar. You, like my own dad, were a true gentleman and one of a kind. I am happy for you, and I hope the wonderful memories will comfort the Millar family.

**Tricia M** - January 27, 2020 at 12:02 AM

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“ I always saw Dr. Millar while I was growing up and going to Shriners. He always told me I was smart and to do better in school. He did a lot for me. I was always happy to see him, yet dreaded it because he was the final say on if I needed new rods, so it was a love, hate, yet so grateful for him doing what helped me in life. Thanks Dr. Millar for all you did for so many kids. You will never be forgotten.

**Teri** - January 10, 2020 at 07:27 PM

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“ Dr. Millar was my Dr. From 6 weeks old until I was 15. I wouldn't be able to walk today if it wasn't for him. Heaven gained a true angel.

**Michael Draegert** - January 09, 2020 at 09:20 PM

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“ Going to Shriners was made less stressful when we saw Dr. Millar. He retired after we stopped going there but I still think of him telling family stories, explaining all of my fears and questions. Glad I got to know him. So sorry for your loss! Stephanie Hodson and son, Josh

**Stephanie Hodson** - January 09, 2020 at 02:33 PM

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“ I had the great honor of being a patient of Dr. Millars in the 80s and 90s. I came to him very young, scared, just learning what my brittle bone condition was and what we needed to do. Dr. Millar always talked straight to me, like an adult. That meant more to me than he probably knew. Getting care at Shriners with Dr. made my childhood much more bearable. I have very fond memories of both. I am 42 now, married, and have two beautiful boys. I have thought of Dr. through the years and always feel grateful he was there, showing all those children such care. He will be missed. My condolences to the family.

**Josh Benhart** - January 09, 2020 at 02:00 PM

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“ From all of us at Northwestern please accept our condolences. He used his skills and knowledge to improve the lives of countless children. We are proud to have been associated with this great man and his family.

Terry Peabody

**terry peabody** - January 08, 2020 at 02:36 PM

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“ What a wonderful family! You all should be so proud of the love and fun times on St. Mary's Road with your Mom and Dad.  
Mike and Nancy Roach

**Nancy Roach** - January 08, 2020 at 02:17 PM