



Erie Jewelry Store Owner



Ralph E. Miller, 90 of Erie, passed away, Monday, June 1, 2015 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA on August 11, 1924, a son of the late Emmel and Elsie (Francis) Miller.

He served in the U. S. Navy as a radioman during World War II.

Ralph and his wife, the late Elaine Miller, owned the family business, Ralph E. Miller Jewelers, for over 50 years.

He was a member of the Perry-Keystone Lodge # 362 F. & A.M.; Zem Zem Shrine; Valley of Erie, 32° Scottish Rite Mason; Erepa Grotto, and the Christ United Methodist Church; former member of the Royal Order of Jesters, Kiwanis Club of Erie, Erie Maennerchor Club, Lawrence Park Golf Club, a longtime member of the Club, served on the board of directors and was active as membership chairman. He enjoyed traveling the world throughout his lifetime with his beloved wife Elaine, golf and walking on the Lake Erie Beach at Presque Isle. Ralph was a strong patriarchal figure who took pride in taking care of his family throughout his life.

Ralph was preceded in death by his wife, Elaine (McCurry) Miller; daughter Janice Elliott; brothers, Kenneth and Donald Miller.

He is survived by his daughters, Susan Proper of Millcreek and Barb Cacchione and her husband, Tim of Millcreek; sister, Audrey Studer of Pittsburgh; eight grandchildren, Thomas Elliott (fiancé. Heather), Bethany Blum (Mike), Daniel Elliott, Jennifer Peyton (Billie) and Jessica Stockhausen, Tim Cacchione (Katie), Rob Cacchione (Kara) and Mike Cacchione (Lucy); fifteen great grandchildren, Billie, Samantha, Scout, Jeff, Michaela, Cassidy, Julianna, Elise, Damien, Nathen, Callie, Mikey, Cecilia, Gianna and Nico.

The Miller family would like to thank the caregivers, Tammy, Jessica, Maureen, Bonnie, Melinda, Kara and Cheri for their love and care given to Ralph.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the **Merle E. Wood Funeral Home, Inc.** Friends may call at the Brugger Funeral Homes and Crematory, 1595 West 38th at Greengarden Blvd. on Thursday from 3:00 PM until the time of the funeral service at the funeral home at 7:00 PM with Rev. Ronald Geisler officiating. Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.merlewoodfh.com

Private burial with military honors will be in Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Shriner Hospitals for Children, 1645 West 8th St., Erie, PA 16505.