

In Memory of Charles D. Miller, Mach 1, 1928 – November 23, 2011

Charles D. Miller was born on March 1, 1928 in Hartford, Connecticut, one of four children born to Marguerite and Mark Miller. He grew up in Old Greenwich Connecticut and graduated from Greenwich High School.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1949, Chuck refocused his sights from medical school to business and began working in sales with his father for the Yale and Towne Lock Manufacturing Company. A natural-born salesman, Chuck was named the company's national field sales manager at the age of 27.

In 1959, Chuck moved to Chicago to join Booz, Allen and Hamilton, a leading management consulting firm, as a marketing consultant. In June 1964, he moved his family to Southern California to become director of corporate planning at Avery Products Corporation (later Avery Dennison). He advanced rapidly up the corporate ladder, holding a variety of positions in the Netherlands, Ohio and California. He was named president of Avery Dennison in 1975 and chief executive officer in 1977, and he was elected chairman of the board in 1983. Under his leadership, the company grew from \$423 million to \$3.3 billion in annualized net sales, with over 250 facilities in nearly 50 countries. Chuck served Avery Dennison as CEO for 21 years, as chairman of the board for 17 years and as board member for over 30 years. He continued to serve the company as director emeritus until his death.

He remained an active businessman after retiring from Avery Dennison, owning and operating a variety of businesses including real estate investments, the noted Jackson Hole restaurant Koshu, a retail wine company, and a successful stable of thoroughbred race horses.

In addition to his successful business career, Chuck served in key business and civic leadership roles throughout his life. He served as chairman of the board of Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles Business Advisors, and, from 1995 to 2001, United Way of Greater Los Angeles. He also served as director and non-executive chairman of Nationwide Health Properties, and as a director of The Air Group, Great Western Financial Corporation, Korn/Ferry International, Mellon West, Pacific Life Insurance Company, Petrolane and Edison International.

Chuck served as a trustee and presidential counselor of Johns Hopkins University from 1986 to 1998, a trustee of Occidental College from 1977 to 1998, and as chairman of the board and long-time director of the institute for Educational Advancement, an organization dedicated to supporting high potential youth. He also supported a wide range of medical institutions, including Operation Walk, which provides knee and hip replacements to the impoverished and which he personally nurtured from a local into an international organization.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 29 years, Carolyn; his daughters Amanda Daly Miller, Candice Louise Miller, Katherine Ann Miller, Susie Cherrill Otten and Charlotte Juanita Miller; and his grandchildren Laura, David, Eric and John Otten, and Harper, Juliet and Zander Branch.

It was through his daughter, Mandy, and the San Gabriel Valley Lacrosse program that he and Carolyn developed a passion for the sport of lacrosse. Our chapter is truly grateful for their support and will continue to honor him by giving back to our sport and communities.