



James "Jimmy" Allen Miller

March 13, 1949 - September 29, 2025

James "Jimmy" Allen Miller, age 76, passed peacefully at home surrounded by love from his family on September 29, 2025. A native of Dayton, Ohio and lifelong resident of Cincinnati, Jimmy devoted his life to his family, friends and the greater Cincinnati community. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a B.A in English followed by an M.B.A from Harvard Business School, Jimmy found his calling in finance after supporting his family's real estate business in Dayton. Jimmy earned the highest respect of his peers and clients as one of the top portfolio and firm managers in Cincinnati during a career that spanned over forty years. He spent the majority of his career at Bartlett Wealth Management in Cincinnati, first becoming President and CEO in 1993 and then Chairman in 2007. Jimmy poured his heart and soul into his career and was widely regarded as a true leader in the field within the greater Cincinnati area and throughout the country.

An engaged and impactful citizen, Jimmy led a charitable life, leading by example through countless volunteer and philanthropic efforts that continue to be felt today. Combining his brilliant mind for business and his keen interest in the arts, he was instrumental in building the current Contemporary Arts Center and served as its Board Chair for many years. In addition, he took an enormous amount of pride in his Judaism and devoted a tremendous amount of his time and generosity to the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, Hebrew Union College, and the American Jewish Committee. Despite his Jewish faith,

two of his most significant activities included serving on the board of Ursuline Academy, a Catholic high school and his daughter's alma mater, and Xavier University, a Jesuit university. Recognizing the common underpinning of altruism in all faiths, Jimmy left an indelible imprint on all that he approached, regardless of its philosophy. He was a true mensch.

An unwavering supporter of his beloved Cincinnati Reds and Michigan Wolverines, Jimmy found simple satisfaction in a day at the ballpark or a trip to Ann Arbor with family or friends — perhaps his two favorite pastimes. He could be found at nearly every home game at Great American Ball Park, eating a hamburger (never with cheese) and ice cream out of a Reds cap bowl and sharing his encyclopedic knowledge of baseball with whomever was lucky enough to accompany him that day.

Beyond his numerous accolades, Jimmy was perhaps best known for his undeniable quick wit and truly genius humor. He often held court with his bold jokes and one-liners and possessed a unique ability to elicit laughter, tears, and utter disbelief from a single audience. His extensive archives of comedy were often tapped by friends and colleagues as a top tier resource for humor.

Jimmy is pre-deceased by his father Albert Miller, mother Otalee Miller Bailen, stepfather Charles Bailen, and brother William Miller. Jimmy is survived by his wife, Lauren; daughter, Katherine (Ida) Miller; son, Casey (Kate) Miller; sisters, Stephanie (Robert) Schriber and Lisa (Murray) Horwitz; and his stepchildren, Amanda (John) Zessin, Liza (Jonathan) Hudec, Lily (Thomas) Vanasse, and William Cohen, and beloved pup, Barry Barkin. Jimmy's legacy is carried by his grandchildren Emma, Alison, Zoe, Nora, Margot and Sadie.

Funeral service to be held at 10 am on Friday, October 3 at Weil Kahn Funeral Home, 8350 Cornell Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45249. Visitation will commence at 9 am. Services will be LIVESTREAMED <https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/>

viewer/116263. Burial will be PRIVATE for family only. A gathering will be held at Cincinnati Country Club on Friday evening from 3:00-5:00PM, 2348 Grandin Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45208. In lieu of flowers, please offer memorial contributions to the Lewy Body Dementia Association.

Previous Events

Visitation Before Service

OCT 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home
8350 Cornell Road
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Funeral Service

OCT 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home
8350 Cornell Road
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Gathering

OCT 3. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Cincinnati Country Club
2348 Grandin Road
Cincinnati, OH 45208

Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of James "Jimmy" Allen Miller



Weil Kahn Funeral Home - September 30, 2025 at 04:20 PM

SC

“ Jimmy and I ran in to each other at a friend's 50th birthday party. We reminisced about our days as neighborhood friends, AKA the Marathon gang. We spent time playing ring around the ice box, climbing the Levin's crabapple tree, and walking to school together. We shared great childhood memories. Jimmy shared memories about Billy and Brad, our brothers, and reminded me that he "was always in love with me." We picked up from the last time we saw each other without skipping a beat. He was filled with kindness, always a nice friend. His memory will last forever.
Stevee

Stevee L Cleland - October 07, 2025 at 06:06 PM

RL

“ Our homes were two doors apart growing up. Besides our close friendship, I'll treasure the memory of Jimmy's honed sense of humor that may have drifted down from Billy and Stevie, and clearly, shared by Lisa. I'm extremely gratified that we kept in touch and got to reunite in Arizona and Cincinnati.

Robert Levin - October 02, 2025 at 06:47 PM

BA

Moving as a Cincinnati teen to Dayton for only a year and a half, Jimmy and the Marathon Avenue friends made a lasting impression I still cherish.

Jimmy's welcoming and generous demeanor obviously carried into his adult years.

Warm regards and comfort to Lisa and to his family and friends.

Barbara (Wood)

Barbara - October 03, 2025 at 10:13 AM

PO

“ *My condolences to the Miller family. I had the honor and privilege to know Jim when he served on the Xavier University Board of Trustees. He was such a caring and thoughtful person and made our University a better place. I will miss our lunches at the China Gourmet.*

Sincerely,

Peter Owendoff

Peter Owendoff - October 02, 2025 at 04:47 PM

BK

“ *A fine gentleman who did so much good for the local Jewish community as well as the entire Cincinnati Community. May his memory be for a blessing.*

Bill Katz

bill Katz - October 01, 2025 at 02:40 PM

TM

“ *Jim and I got our love of baseball from our grandfather. We are first cousins and I will miss being able to talk about the sport with him. He made my wife and I feel very welcome in his presence.*

tom marks - October 01, 2025 at 09:00 AM

JR

I remember meeting Jim a couple times in Dayton thru Tom Marks, his brother Bob and their family. My condolences to you guys and his entire family. Thanks for introduction decades ago, his picture was easily recognizable and, though so much time has passed, his presence was also memorable back then to me, and fondly remembered by Tom and Bob, on occasion over the years.

From my recall and all that's been written about Jim in these memories, it fits...a life well lived.

John Rose

John Rose - October 03, 2025 at 08:14 PM

JM

“ Jimmy was both a mentor and friend to me. The biggest heart in Cincinnati !

He will be rooting for his Reds from his Skybox

Jim Mahon.

jim mahon - September 30, 2025 at 04:20 PM

ES

“ He cared “ and showed it in so many ways with a wonderful wit as a storyteller and an inquisitive nature. We will treasure our time spent with Jimmy with a smile and a laugh

Michael and Ellen Cohen Scott

Ellen Cohen Scott - September 30, 2025 at 03:45 PM