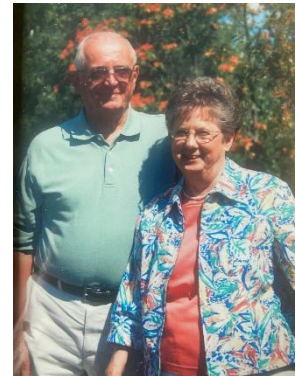


## Richard C. and Carolyn J. Miller Family Fund Donor Story

To coincide with Carolyn's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration on July 21, 2023, her family believes it fitting to help her establish an endowment to help continue the good reputation that she and her late husband Dick strived to embody as long-time, caring citizens of Peru. Having distinct qualities and strengths, together Dick and Carolyn forged a proud legacy that could serve as an example for others. Carolyn provided the necessary start-up money for the fund.



Dick Miller was born in Peru on October 5, 1924. He graduated from Peru High School and on November 9, 1943, enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II. As a member of "The Greatest Generation" he served aboard the USS LST-545 in the Pacific Theatre. Earning the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and WWII Victory medals, Dick was honorably discharged from the Navy on April 12, 1946. He worked as a clerk for the C&O Railroad and as a machinist at Dana Corporation in Marion for 32 years. He had three children – John, Sue (Chilcutt) and Jim – from his first marriage. Dick was known for his easy-going manner, love of fishing, passion for playing cards and being a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan! He passed away on August 16, 2014.

Carolyn was born on July 21, 1933, in Jump River, Wisconsin, but soon her family moved back to Indiana. She attended schools in Fort Wayne, Denver, and Mexico. During her first marriage, she had two children, Kevin and Kelly Marks. She worked at McLoughlin Manufacturing as a seamstress and Delco in Kokomo. From 1960-1986 she worked as a cashier and a "Girl Friday" at Wright's Grocery, 124 South Broadway. The small store was very popular with the townspeople for items such as fresh cuts of meat, County Line cheese, its lively atmosphere, and the fact it was open 9 AM – 9 PM, seven days a week. Carolyn often worked unwaveringly many full weeks in a row!

Dick and Carolyn met in the early 60's. Together, they would frequently take their kids to Long Lake beach, Cub games and other day trips to see various amusements and attractions. Everyone spent the holidays together as one family. On February 14, 1986, Dick and Carolyn officially combined their families into one when they married. We're so proud they did!