

In Memoriam

Robert Jordan

Robert L. Jordan, 78, of Hickory, passed away peacefully Sunday, March 22, 2026, in Concordia of Washington, Donnell House. He was born on November 20, 1947, in Sewickley, Allegheny County, a son of the late Clyde and Louella Fisher Jordan. Jordan was a 1965 graduate of North Hills High School and attended the Electronics Institute of Pittsburgh. He was employed as a broadcast television engineer and enjoyed a fulfilling career that began at Fisher Scientific. He later worked as the engineering manager at Eyemark Videoservices, WPXI-TV, and KDKA-TV. Jordan was a lifetime Certified Professional Broadcast Engineer through the Society of Broadcast Engineers. He was also a member of the SMPTE and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Outside of the workplace, Jordan lived an abundant life. He devoted much of his energy to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, where he began volunteering at the age of 17. He served multiple terms as president of the Board of Directors. He was gratified to be on hand for the 2023 opening of the museum's new Welcome and Education Center, which, for him, was the culmination of decades of vision, planning, and effort. Above all, he lived a life of devotion. Jordan loved his Lord and was a faithful member of the Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church. He served there as an elder and a member of the Building and Property and Stewardship committees. He was devoted to his loving wife, Mary Huth, whom he married on June 7, 1975. She survives, along with their daughter, Elizabeth J. DeVivo (Chris) of New Castle; son, Robert Jason Jordan of New Kensington; two grandchildren, Carter and Aliana DeVivo; a sister, Nancy J. Unks of New Market, Ala.; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Bruce F. Miller

On January 13, 2026, Bruce F. Miller, 87, of Pasadena, MD, passed away from complications of long-term sepsis damage.

Miller had a distinguished career in broadcasting, starting in 1950 as a youngster, mixing audio church remotes to Philadelphia station WPEN AM. He learned to repair tube radios and TVs at a family-owned store. While still in high school, he earned FCC 3rd, 2nd-, and 1st-Class Radio-Telephone Operator licenses. In college, he helped assemble a vacuum-tube UHF station at Philadelphia's WPCA TV17 and became its audio and maintenance engineer. He also assisted FM station WQAL in converting to stereo.

Miller joined the CBS Television Network Engineering Group in late 1966 to design systems for color studio implementation and later became responsible for capital planning for their owned-and-operated stations. He was named Director of Technical Operations at WCBS-TV New York to implement electronic newsgathering, and he was also responsible for installing their new TV transmission center at the World Trade Center.

In 1978, Miller joined ABC Operations and Engineering, assisting them in planning, constructing, installing, and documenting the relocation of their engineering operations. Then he was assigned to design and oversee the construction of ABC's new Washington, D.C. News Bureau for Network TV and Radio, completed in 1982. He became Manager, Studio/Field Operations in the new Broadcast Center.

In late 1991, Miller joined the Advanced Television Test Center as General Manager in PBS' labs. That involved maintaining a tight schedule to test proposed digital systems for future high-definition television, resulting in the acceptance of the ATSC HDTV system in the U.S. Miller received an EMMY Award for his contributions. From 1993

to 1997, he worked with PBS in Alexandria, VA, becoming Vice President of Broadcasting and Technical Services, providing 350 stations in five time zones with multiple program services via compressed digital satellite transponders. Beginning in 1997, he was selected as the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Model HDTV Station Project, which operated the experimental station WHD-DT at the NBC facility in northwest Washington, D.C.

As his career in broadcasting was winding down, Miller spent a year as Director of Engineering at WRC-TV in Washington, D.C. From there, he went to Aeronautical Radio, Inc. (ARINC) to design satellite support facilities for their Skylink project, which enabled two-way satellite links from aircraft to land-based facilities, including the internet. His final assignment there involved three years of flight testing commercial and business aircraft for the FAA program to ensure they could maintain vertical autopilot changes within 200 feet of the assigned altitude.

Miller will be deeply missed by his wife, Joan Para Miller, and his family. He was predeceased by his first wife, Barbara Bunting Miller, with whom he had two children: daughter Debbie (Art) Schwarz of Lewisberry, PA, and son David (Susan) of Crownsville, MD. Debbie has two children, Cole and Rachel Cuomo, and two stepsons, Cameron and Ryan Schwarz. David has three sons, Jake (Natalie) Miller and their son Cody, Alex Miller, and Andrew Miller.

Miller is also survived by his stepsons, Christopher (Michele) Para of Severna Park, MD, and their sons, Brendan and Justin Para; Brian Para, deceased; and Drew Para (Kathryn) of Crofton, MD, and their daughters, Gwynevier "Nev" and Lilith Para.

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