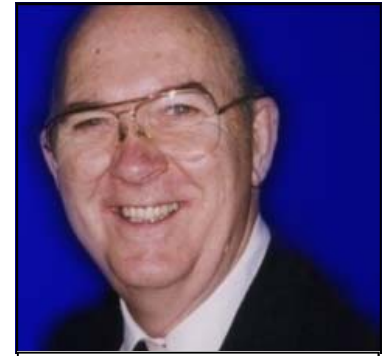


In Remembrance: Jack Miller: One Of A Kind....

by Dave Corsi and Dan Schwartz

We are very sorry to inform you that Jack Miller passed away on October 9th. In place of the monthly “Legislative Update” column we would like to dedicate the eulogy below to his memory.

Anyone who has ever met Jack could never forget him: **he was one of a kind!** Along with John Schaub, Pete Fortunato and Jimmy Napier, he was the cream of the crop of all the creative real estate investor teachers.



Jack Miller

The running joke about Jack was his “thriftiness.” But the truth was that Jack was a giver. If you had a question and gave him a call, you spoke to Jack himself, not some hourly employee giving you a canned answer right out of an instructor’s manual. And he would stay on the phone as long as needed.

And who will ever forget Jack’s “cheap wine parties”. Seminar attendees at the end of the day would get together and trade stories, experiences and advice as the wine (cheap, that is) flowed freely!

Jack was a very special person. Those of you who attended his seminars throughout the years were probably in awe of his intellect, experience, guts, creativity and versatility. But most importantly, Jack always had the time to help us with our individual problems and questions. We were always amazed that he could advise us with multi-solutions to our questions.

Jack was like the Energizer Battery: going, going and going. After a long day of non-stop real estate, Jack would invite attendees to his room to continue the discussion. One of our favorite memories was one of the times we were attending a Miller Seminar. That night Jack re-convened in his hotel room, sharing real estate stories. Around 10 PM we left to get something to eat. Returning to the hotel after midnight, we passed Jack’s room and we heard his unmistakable voice. He was still going strong, telling story after story. We went back in the room where Jack held court for still a few more hours until we begged off to get some sleep. And the next morning at 8 AM he was ready to begin his seminar. And this from a man in his seventies! We can only hope to have half his energy at that age.

More important, Jack was a unique human being with a great sense of humor. We considered him to be brilliant, in fact, a genius and yet a “down to earth” individual. His over 50 years of real estate experience ran the gamut from buying and selling single family houses to mobile home parks. Jack and John Schaub were the first speakers to create single-family home seminars back in the 1970s and they also published a monthly newsletter for investors. He conducted seminars on Exchanging, Management, Portfolio Strategies and Options. Jack was a member of The Exchanger’s Hall of Fame, a past recipient of Florida’s Exchanger of the Year Award, Creative Real Estate Magazine’s Educator of the Year Award, The Academy of Real Estate’s Pathfinder Award and was an internationally sought-after convention speaker in Europe, Canada and for real estate cruises.

We are sure we speak for all of us in saying that our prayers are with Jack’s children and grandchildren. Jack is probably now in negotiations with Saint Peter about that lovely single-family home.... On behalf of all the people whose lives you’ve touched over the years, God Bless... and Jack, we’ll never forget you.

[If you are not familiar with Jack’s articles, go to the Members Only section of the MREIA website, click on “Newsletter Index.” Also, the June 2009 newsletter contains a few of his articles. Jack was a prolific writer and over the years we reprinted about 45 of his articles. He spoke at past MREIA meetings and was to be our featured June 2009 speaker, but unexpectedly had to cancel his appearance when he discovered that he was diagnosed with cancer. He was tough and thought that he could combat his illness through treatment.]