

REMEMBER DIANE DISNEY MILLER DECEMBER 18, 1933-NOVEMBER 19, 2013

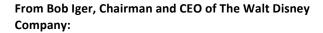
From The Walt Disney Family Museum:

"It is with deep sadness that The Walt Disney Family Museum must share that Diane Disney Miller has passed away. Diane died of complications from a fall.

"Diane was the eldest daughter of Walt and Lillian Disney, wife to Ron Miller, mother of seven children, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, and an inspiration to us all.

"Words cannot begin to express our sadness at Diane's death. She was an extraordinary philanthropist and enthusiastic supporter of the arts. Diane carried on her father's legacy with dignity, grace, and devotion.

"While the family appreciates your thoughts and prayers, we kindly request that their privacy is respected at this time."



"We are deeply saddened by the loss of Diane Disney Miller and our thoughts are with her family during this difficult time. As the beloved daughter of Walt Disney and one of his inspirations for creating Disneyland, she holds a special place in the history of The Walt Disney Company and in the hearts of fans everywhere. She will be remembered for her grace and generosity and tireless work to preserve her father's legacy, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her."





From John Lasseter, CCO of Pixar and Walt Disney Animation Studios:

"I first met Diane when I was a student at CalArts, hosting a tour of the animation department for her and her family. From that point on, she was an unwavering source of encouragement and inspiration. Her philanthropy, generosity of spirit, and tireless efforts to create The Walt Disney Family Museum honor her father's legacy and serve as her gifts to the world. My family and I were fortunate to call her a close friend."



From Richard Sherman, Disney Legend and songwriter:

"Diane is a beautiful, dedicated human being who was so devoted to her family, and devoted to her mother and father; and her love for her father motivated her to make this incredible museum that is a credit to all the people who worked with and loved Walt Disney. But it is also such a great credit to Diane Disney Miller who actually pioneered and fought to get it to be the marvelous place that it is. Like her father, she will live in my heart as long as I live."



From Leonard Maltin, film historian and author:

"Diane was devoted to keeping the memory of her father alive—not as a corporate symbol but as a man who loved his family and embodied the American success story. She was indefatigable in pursuing her goals, a quality she clearly inherited from her parents. I treasured her friendship and mourn her untimely loss more than words can say."



From Alice Davis, Disney Legend and costume designer:

"When I first met Diane, I could immediately tell she was her father's daughter. She had the same genuine warmth, down-to-earth qualities and persistence of vision that her father was known for, yet she was very much her own woman. Marc and I would often see her at the Studio with her father when she started at USC. She would stop by to visit and it was always a joy to see Diane with her big, beautiful smile!

"Over the years, it was a tremendous privilege to call Diane my friend. She always remembered something special about everyone she met and quickly made you feel very much at ease with her gracious charm. She was a very caring and thoughtful person. When we last saw each other, she mentioned again her appreciation of how Marc and I supported her and her father.

"Just like her father, Diane accomplished so many extraordinary things and, just like her father, there were so many things she was still working on. She raised a wonderful family and gave so much of herself to the world through her various work: with the city of Los Angeles and The Walt Disney Concert Hall; the city of Anaheim with Disneyland; and in the bay area with The Silverado Winery as well as her most important work in continuing her father's legacy with the Walt Disney Family Museum. When Diane decided to do something, she did it and it was done – and done right! Just like her father!"



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