The late Dr. Martin O. Miller and his wife, Edna, had eight children, including two sons who graduated from Notre Dame: Pierre “Val” in 1959 and Martin “M.O.” in 1966. Martin, a prominent member of the New Orleans community, was also a member of Notre Dame’s Advisory Council for the College of Science. Edna was a member of the Notre Dame Women’s Advisory Council.

M.O. joined his mother, Edna, in establishing this endowment in honor of his father. M.O. earned his law degree from Tulane University in 1969 and is a sole practitioner in Metairie, Louisiana, although most of his time is devoted to managing family property along the Louisiana coast. He currently serves on the Advisory Council for the Notre Dame Law School. He is the recipient of the Medallion of the Order of St. Louis, Archdiocese of New Orleans. He and his wife, Diane, have two daughters, a son, and six grandchildren.

Martin’s life was devoted to science; thus, it is fitting that the library collection in his memory supports and enhances teaching, study, and research in the sciences. Since its establishment in 1979, the Miller Endowment has been vital to the improvement of these collections. Without it, access to critically important resources in the sciences would not be possible. With it, the Hesburgh Libraries have acquired such titles as The Chemical Abstract Index, an indispensable but exceedingly costly research tool, and Biological Abstracts on CD-ROM, a valuable tool for searching the biological literature.