



Rev. Millard G. Fisher, III

December 30, 1954 - April 29, 2026

Rev. Millard G. Fisher III of Palmyra, PA, passed away on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at Hershey Medical Center at the age of 71.

Millard was born in Berwick, PA on December 30, 1954 to the late Millard G. Fisher, Jr. and Katherine E. (Chapin) Fisher. He earned his bachelor's degree from Penn State University and his Master of Divinity degree from Drew Theological School. For 40 years, Millard served as a full-time pastor within the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church (UMC). Millard was a beloved pastor at Hempfield UMC in Lancaster, Immanuel UMC in Cleona, and Emmanuel UMC in Indiantown Gap.

Early in his time at Penn State, Millard became involved with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship — a community that would transform him immediately and forever. He spent his college years devoted to I-V, also becoming a founding member of InterVarsity's Hallelujah Singers. The patterns of worship, fellowship, and deep friendship forged during this season became the foundation for Millard's life in ministry and relationship. The experience taught him not only to love God and love people more deeply, but how to receive love as well. It was also during these years that Millard met Carolyn (Rudolph). They were married in 1978 and a few years later welcomed two sons — Daniel and David.

In a profession that can become all-consuming, Millard was intentional about spending time with his family. When the boys were small, Millard created clever adaptations of common sports, tailoring them to available space and equipment — ultimately authoring lasting memories while keeping the indoor, winter months bearable for two young boys.

As his sons grew, Millard attended countless music performances, soccer games, and helped coach their baseball teams. Millard's imaginative approach to fatherhood also ensured entertainment and excitement on the long drives to and from annual family beach vacations to Emerald Isle, NC. Integral to this effort were personalized Surprise Tapes (on cassette) that he produced — featuring his own recorded songs and original silly stories. The annual beach trips also involved numerous families and connected old InterVarsity friends with new acquaintances. The common threads that have woven these families together across decades were evident in annual music nights, when Millard and others played guitar and sang, both for the joy of sharing music and for the glory of God. Music was always important to Millard, and his natural tenor voice served equally well in performing solos, blending in choirs, and leading singing in worship.

Millard was also an avid reader. He loved reading C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien for the deep truths they conveyed through fantasy worlds. He enjoyed reading about theology, practical ministry, history, and sports. A lifelong baseball fan, he reserved precious brain space for his extensive knowledge of baseball history and statistics. When not reading, he followed Phillies baseball, Penn State and Eagles football, and PGA Tour golf. His most enjoyable times on the golf course were when he could play with his two sons.

Millard was known to his family, friends, and parishioners as a deeply humble, patient, and selfless man who also happened to be a world-class reader of Scripture from the pulpit. He was slow to speak and eager to listen. He spent

much of his time in prayer and reflection and was endlessly kind to the very end.

Millard is survived by Carolyn, his wife of 47 years, as well as their two sons, Daniel J. Fisher and David A. Fisher. Daniel is married to Jessi Kocher and together they have two sons, Ernie and Bing, who love and miss “Poppy” very much. They reside in North Chesterfield, VA. David is married to Caitlin, and they reside in Bluffton, SC. Millard is also survived by his two siblings, Shari Scheibel (Richard) of Port Orange, FL, and Spencer Fisher (Renée) of Eagleville, PA.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2026 at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 140 E. Orange St., Lancaster, PA. In lieu of flowers, Millard requested that contributions be made to The Caring Cupboard, P.O. Box 71, Palmyra, PA 17078, or The Lebanon Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 5, Lebanon, PA 17042.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

JUN 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
140 E. Orange Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

Tribute Wall

DB

“ I am saddened to learn of Millard's passing. He was a counselor for several years at Gretna Glen during the week I attended. Many fond memories. Much love and prayers.

David Blose - May 25 at 08:51 PM

RS

“ Millard was my pastor and youth pastor growing up. He had an impact on my relationship with Jesus today. He shared advice with me as a teenager when I was soon to be graduating high school and I've carried that advice with me and have even shared it with others Him and Caroline created fun youth group memories that I will cherish forever. It was evident they loved the Lord and people and Millard was unafraid to stand on the truth of Gods word. The last time I got to see Millard was my wedding in 2017. Oh to see him once more and tell him what an impact his yes to Jesus has had on my life. Praying for his family.

Rachel Stephens - May 06 at 12:14 PM

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“ Carolyn and family,
We send sincere thoughts and prayers to you, may you find peace in your wonderful memories.
Mary and Roger Leibig

mary leibig - May 05 at 06:59 AM

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“ I first met Millard at an ICF meeting Fall, 1974. Millard had a profound impact on my life. I was at a life decisional point. Either I was going to take the road of my family (alcoholism, depression) or I was going to overcome the pull of that history and become a productive member of society. Then, step in Millard. He accepted me as I am, told me about his spiritual journey, and patiently waited for me to process an important life decision. With patience and love, Millard helped me reconcile the man that I was becoming with the man that I was meant to be. I thank Millard as the compassionate man who made it possible for me to believe. For that - I am eternally grateful.

I write this so that Millard's family understands the extended impact of his faith walk. I am but one person who was on Halleluiah Singers for a short time, but Millard's impact on me was significant. As a result of his faith, my faith journey as a lay pastor has spanned over five decades. My journey includes praying for, preaching to, and serving thousands of people across multiple denominations and three continents. On behalf of those thousands whose lives were impacted, I say thank you to Millard. I think that the size of the Heavenly choir singing Millard's heavenly deeds is far, far larger than anyone of us can ever imagine!

Michael Thomson - May 04 at 07:01 PM