

Robert “Fizz” Miller

Upon his induction to the Dover Historical Society’s Hall of Distinction 2017

Robert “Fizz” Miller was born in Strasburg, Ohio on May 20, 1917 and graduated from Strasburg High School in 1935. Fizz began attending Ohio University in 1939 where he was a two sport-athlete; track and basketball. He left Ohio University to serve in WWII and then returned to finish his degree.

He then spent his entire adult life living and working in Dover, Ohio. And it is that life that we honor today with induction to the Hall of Distinction.

Fizz and his brother, Dutch, founded Miller & Miller Accounting, Miller & Miller Insurance, and Commercial Honing. He was a founder and a director of Surety Savings and Loan in Dover. Fizz took great pride in recruiting and mentoring young business professionals, who themselves, went on to be strong business and civic leaders.

Although busy, Fizz found time to coach elementary school basketball. And was one of the first coaches when the Dover Little League program started. He had a positive effect on the lives of many young players who continued to maintain a strong relationship with Fizz throughout their lives. His Little League team’s remarkable 68 game winning streak was featured in the New York Post as a Little League record.

Fizz felt compelled to give back to the communities that had supported him. For nearly 50 years, he was a leader in community affairs and a generous donor to many worthy causes. He actively supported the Tuscarawas County YMCA, Union Hospital, area schools, and Kiwanis. He established an endowed scholarship at Ohio University in memory of his coach, Dutch Trautwein. He also established and endowed the Tom Patton Scholarship Fund at the YMCA.

Fizz was honored in numerous ways: the Ohio University Athletic Hall of Fame, the Strasburg Athletic Hall of Fame, and the establishment of the Robert A. “Fizz” Miller Leadership Scholarship at Dover High School. However, he always maintained his greatest reward was seeing the young people he influenced do well in their lives of work and service.

It is with great pride we induct Robert “Fizz” Miller into our Hall of Distinction.