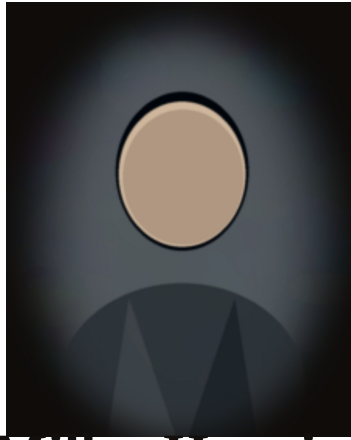




Miller Huggins

March 27, 1878 - September 25, 1929

New York, New York

Miller James Huggins - player-manager who steered the New York Yankees into their first dynasty and taught Babe Ruth that even sluggers answer to the bench - died in New York City on September 25, 1929. He was fifty-one. Born March 27, 1878, in Cincinnati, Ohio, he studied law, starred as a second baseman for the Reds and Cardinals, then took the Yankees helm in 1918 and built a club that won six American League pennants and three World Series before illness cut the reign short.

Teammates called him a little man with a large will - the strategist who mixed patience with sharp clubhouse justice. Monument Park later carved his service into bronze; the Hall of Fame followed. Fans who only remember Ruth's swing forget the manager who made the lineup hold together when ego threatened to scatter it.

New York was the capital of his triumph and the hospital city of his end. He died of blood poisoning after erysipelas and influenza, leaving a franchise forever measured against the standard he set.

Ruth tested him; Huggins answered with fines, lectures, and a stubborn belief that stars still take signs. The 1927 Murderers' Row season remains the monument his quieter seasons made possible.

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Huggins's gift was quiet command - proving championships need a brain as much as a bat. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so September 25 remembers the Cincinnati skipper who taught the Yankees how to win as a team.

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