

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Miller,
Al Gray - Represented Audubon, Dallas and Nathan Counties, former

1. Birthday and place 4 Feb 1885 near Gray in Audubon County, Iowa in
Cameron Township

2. Marriage (s) date place

Stella Sanchez 7 Feb 1907 Rose, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Iowa for 23 years,
Director of Audubon Soil Conservation Association

B. Civic responsibilities Farm Bureau; Audubon County Planning
Committee

C. Profession Farmer; livestock producer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd General Assemblies 1941, 1943,

6. Public Offices 1945, 1947

A. Local Board of supervisors for 7 years; Audubon County Board of
Education 12 years

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 26 Feb 1950 Carroll Iowa; buried Maple Grove Cemetery, Audubon, Iowa

8. Children Arms; Marjorie; Jesse Zwoome (Mrs. Dallas
Hemelright); Dona Adelaide (Mrs. Dale Root)

9. Names of parents Frank C. and Adelaide Miller

Miller, Ai Gray

10. Education He was educated in the rural schools near Gray.
born in Audubon County.

11. Degrees He attended Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, for
one year.

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He farmed from 1907 until 1948 when he retired. He and his
wife then moved into Audubon.

Death Claims Ai Miller, a Former Iowa Legislator Served GOP 8 Years In Senate

Ai Miller, former Iowa State senator, died at 3:07 a.m. Sunday at St. Anthony's hospital in Carroll, the victim of a heart attack. He became ill with influenza Friday night and became steadily worse Saturday.

His condition became critical Saturday night and he suffered the heart attack shortly after midnight, was rushed to the hospital but died a short time after arrival in Carroll.

Funeral services were held at First Methodist church here at 2 p.m. yesterday, the Rev. Hugo C. Orf officiating. Burial was in Maple Grove cemetery. McFadden Funeral home in charge.

MR. MILLER, son of Frank C. and Adelaide Miller, was born on Feb. 4, 1885, in Cameron township and spent his entire life in Audubon county.

His marriage to Stella Fancher took place on Feb. 7, 1907, at Ross, and the couple farmed in Cameron township until retiring and moving to Audubon two years ago. He was well-known as a livestock grower.

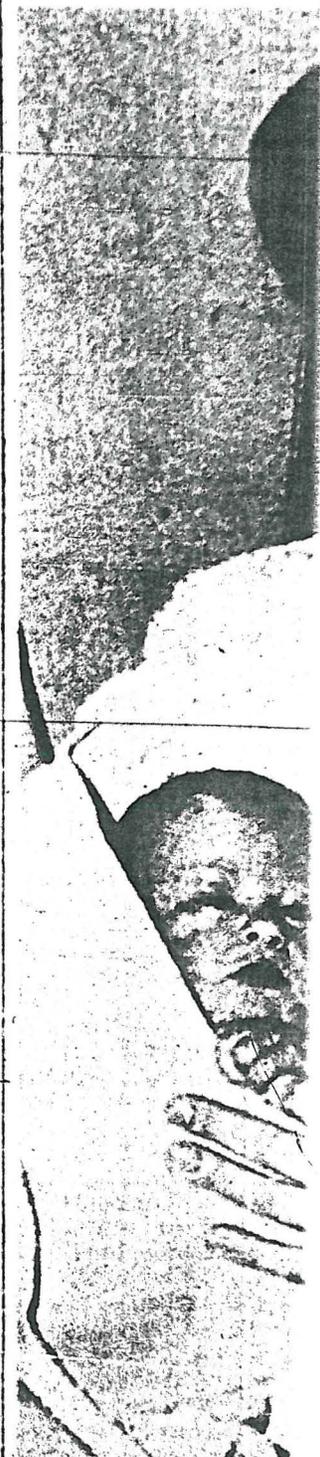
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attended schools in Audubon county and also was at Drake university for one year.

Survivors include his wife, Stella; two sons, Amos of Detroit, and Marion of Denver, Colo.; daughters, Mrs. Dallas Himebright of Strausburg, Va., and Mrs. Dale Root, Des Moines; brother, Ira of Gray; six grandchildren.

HIS SON, Marion, is a master sergeant in the Army air force and is stationed at Lowry Field, Denver. All of the children were present for the services.

Casket bearers were Elmer Cerka, Fred Stewart, Glenn Aikman, William Wanninger, Harold Summers of Gray, and Roy Allen. Gay S. Thomas sang "Going Home," and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," accompanied by Mrs. Thomas at the piano.

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Faye Finnerty, 13, Sheriff and Mrs. Tom the new champion Audubon Grade school. Faye won both divisions of the contest held Friday to determine represent the local county spelling meet house March 11.

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A \$10,000 lawsuit court last November ed out of court for \$2,000. An attorney for E. Stetzel, widow Stetzel, of Audub amount was award fendants in the settlement. Defen case were Martin Jr., and his wife. Mrs. Stetzel filed ing the death of June 3, 1949. He brought on by in when his car and Mrs. Kuntzweiler co east of Audubon on

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Jefferson, Iowa. David and a partner built the H & M Hatchery which they operated for 8 years. David sold his interest in the Hatchery in 1956 and moved to Audubon.

David worked for General Mills as a feed salesman until they closed the feed division nationwide in 1962.

In 1966, he was made the head of Iowa division of Seymour Foods in Topeka, Kansas. This included 7 egg plants and the largest creamery west of the Mississippi. He served on the Board of North Central State Institute for 3 years. Seymour Foods closed the Iowa division in 1975.

David retired and worked part-time as a Federal Crop adjuster. His wife, Marjorie, worked for Petersen-Evans Insurance Agency for many years. They have 2 sons, Jerry and Mark. They belong to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and were active in the boy scout program for many years. Jerry and Mark both became Eagle Scouts.

Jerry was in the air force as a career. He and his wife, Ursula, have 3 sons. Jerry died in 1984. His wife and sons live in Texas.

Mark was in the Navy and when discharged joined the National Guard. He is now a foreman for MidAmerican Energy. He and his wife, Elrane, have 2 sons and live in Le Mars, Iowa.



Senator Ai Miller

Ai Miller was born in 1885 on a farm near Gray in northern Audubon County. He lived there most of his life, where he farmed and became a well-known livestock producer. But it was his active involvement in community and political affairs that spawned a broad career in state politics. He was a charter member and director of the Audubon County Farm Bureau, director of the Audubon County Soil Conservation Association, and a member of the County Board of Supervisors. He was a member of the County Board of Education and served as President of the School Board for 12 years. In addition, he held the office of secretary of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company for 23 years and was president of that group for 6 years.

With this background, he ran for the State Senate as a Republican in 1940 and was elected. He went on to serve two terms, for a total of 8 years. During his first term, he sponsored a bill that encouraged rural electrification in rural Iowa. This helped establish the rural electric co-ops that provided wiring and electrical service to farmers. Ai also co-sponsored a bill that approved appropriations for producing oil wells in Iowa. The bill was passed by the Senate, but later vetoed by Governor George Wilson. Senator Miller was a co-sponsor of a key bill in 1947 that provided for the reorganization of school districts and created a state reorganization commission and advisory committee to oversee this. The bill became law that year.

Ai represented the people of Audubon, Dallas, and Guthrie counties through the difficult years of WWII, and brought about beneficial changes to the rural communities that he served. His wife Stella was also active in Des Moines, serving on communities and women's auxiliary groups. After finishing his second term in 1948, Ai retired to his home in Audubon, where he passed away in 1950 at the age of 65.

Chester F. and Eva L. Miller

On June 6, 1938, Chester F. Miller (son of Frank Miller of Audubon Township) married Eva Louise Bromert (daughter of Joseph Bromert of Carroll County), at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Carroll, Iowa. Chester and Eva met while he was hospitalized in Carroll and Eva was one of his nurses. They made their home in Audubon where Chester was postmaster during World War II. After the war, he was employed by the Audubon Ice Plant and then accepted a position at First State Bank. He remained with the bank as head cashier until his death in November 1973.

For many years, Eva was a homemaker and mother until she re-entered the nursing field through her work at the Audubon Memorial Hospital, and then advanced to become Director of Nurses at Guthrie County Hospital, in Guthrie Center, Iowa. She is still a resident of Audubon and active in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Her favorite hobby during her retirement is to make rosaries for the missions, family, friends and strangers.

Eva and Chester were blessed with 6 children. Their first son, Joseph, died shortly after birth. The 5 surviving children are: Kenneth Walter Miller and his wife, Gisela, in Adairsville, Georgia; Chester Allen Miller and his wife, KueMi; Rosemary Miller Jones and her husband, Darrel, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida; Franklin Lee Miller in Janesville, Minnesota; and Helen Miller Miner and her husband, Steve, of Shawnee, Kansas. Chester and Eva have 14 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.



Richard and Nadine Mortensen and LeRoy and Virginia Mortensen

Rich and Nadine Mortensen were married February 28, 1970. Rich graduated from Audubon High School in 1966. His parents are LeRoy and Virginia Mortensen. Rich's brother, Robert, graduated in 1961 and is married and lives in Oakland, Iowa. They have 2 daughters and one grandson. Robert is a federal meat inspector. Rich's sister, Carol, graduated in 1962 and she and her husband live in Austin, Texas. She is a CPA and an auditor for the federal government. They have a son, a daughter, and a grandson. Rich's dad, LeRoy, was born in 1919 and raised in the farmhouse 2 miles north and 6 miles west of Audubon. Rich's mom is Virginia (Dent), who was born in 1922 near Fiscus. LeRoy and Virginia were married in 1941. LeRoy died in 2002.

Nadine's parents are Axel and Vera Nielsen from Irwin. Axel was born in 1904 in Denmark and came to live and farm in Shelby County in 1908. Vera Kragelund was born and raised near Brayton in 1913. They were married in 1935. They farmed until 1961 when they moved to Irwin. Axel passed away in 1999. Their children, Darlene, Norlin and Dennis, were 15, 12, and 9 when Nadine was born in 1951. Axel and Vera were also blessed with 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Nadine retired due to ill health, after working for Olan Mills' church directory division as a marketing director for many years.

Rich farmed for many years with his dad and is a custodian and bus driver for Audubon High School. He no longer farms. They had 3 children; Tanya graduated from Audubon in 1989.

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Mrs. Lawrence Flaherty, also of Pocahontas. These together with his wife, two sisters, and sixteen grandchildren survive him.

"Burt," as he was affectionately known, was an outstanding Christian gentleman, one who took an active interest and a full part in all affairs, not only of this community and county, but also of the state. To this end he devoted untiringly of his time and energy in promoting the finer things of life and will be affectionately remembered by all who knew him and most especially to the authors of this resolution.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the death of the Honorable Albert Josiah Shaw, the state has lost a valued and honored servant and by this resolution tenders its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of the family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread on the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

R. J. OLTMAN,
HARRY E. WATSON,
DUANE E. DEWEL,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

AI GRAY MILLER

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare a suitable memorial commemorating the life and public service of the late Honorable Ai Gray Miller, begs leave to submit the following report:

Born February 4, 1885, on a farm near Gray, Audubon County, Iowa, where he lived during his lifetime. He passed away at his home on February 26, 1950, at the age of 65 years.

He attended rural schools and married Stella Fancher in 1907. There were four children born to this union: Frank of Detroit, Michigan; Lieutenant Colonel Marion Ai with the U. S. Air Forces; Jessie Yvonne now Mrs. Dallas Himelright of Winchester, Va., and Dora Adelaide of Des Moines, Iowa.

He was a charter member of the Audubon County Farm Bureau; past director Audubon County Soil Conservation and Improvement association; past member of the Audubon County Planning Committee; member of the Audubon County Board of Supervisors seven years; president of the school board twelve years and member of Audubon County Board of Education; secretary of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company for twenty-three years and president for six years. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

He was a Republican in politics and was elected to the Senate in 1940 and re-elected in 1944 from the Seventeenth Senatorial District composed of Audubon, Dallas and Guthrie Counties.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable Ai Gray Miller, the people of his community, the counties he represented, and the state he served, all recognize the loss of a respected and beloved citizen.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread on the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

G. E. WHITEHEAD,
LORIN B. SAYRE,
E. C. MYRLAND,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

JAMES A. NEWSOME

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable James A. Newsome, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

James A. Newsome was born near Last Chance, Lucas County, Iowa, August 6, 1878, and died at Derby, Iowa, November 14, 1952, at the age of 74 years.

He received his formal education in the schools of Lucas County and at Iowa State College, and taught in the rural schools of Lucas and Clark Counties for ten years. For many years he was president of the school board and also served on the County Board of Education.

Ever since its origin he has been active in the Farm Bureau and served as a director and president. He was one of the organizers of the Derby District Agricultural Association and the Derby District Fair and was its first secretary. He was a director and past treasurer of the Lucas County Mutual Fire Insurance Company and also served on the Cemetery Board. He was a member of A.F. & A.M. and I.O.O.F.

In 1912 he was married to Mary E. Taylor of Lucas County, and to this union were born a son and a daughter.

Mr. Newsome served the State of Iowa as a representative in the Fiftieth General Assembly and the Fiftieth Extra and was sent to the Fifty-first and Fifty-second General Assemblies as senator from the Fourth District.