

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Miller, Alvin V. Senator Miller, Alvin V.
Represented 'Cerro Gordo and North Counties' from

1. Birthday and place 2 Feb 1921 near Clear Lake, Iowa
Union Township

2. Marriage (s) date place

Frances Elizabeth Johnson 26 Mar 1943 at her parents home
north of Clear Lake, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Operated the A. Miller Insurance Agency in Venton from 1965-1990; member of Board of Directors of Cerro Gordo County Mutual Insurance, Venton, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities Lions Club; Sons of the American Revolution; IOOF;

C. Profession Merchant; farmer; insurance agent; fertilizer business

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 65th 66th General Assemblies 1973, 1975 - House of

6. Public Offices 67th 68th 69th 70th 71st 72nd 73rd 74th 75th 76th 77th 78th Representative
1971-1978, 1979-1981, 1981-1982, 1983-1984, 1985-1986, 1987-1988, 73rd 1988-1990; Senate

A. Local Union Township assessor; Township trustee

B. State

C. National

7. Death 9 Feb 1993 Mason City, Iowa; buried Ventura Cemetery, Ventura, Iowa

8. Children Marlene (Mrs. Gerald Lesing); Marcia (Mrs. Richard Kuehler); Daniel; an infant daughter preceded her father in death

9. Names of parents Claude O. and Cora (Moorehead) Miller

Miller, Alvin V.

10. Education Graduate of The Clear Lake, Iowa High School in
1939 and attended Union Township grade school

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He farmed with his father for many years until after
marriage when he and his wife moved to a farm
south of Ventura, Iowa
- In 1963 he and Larry Humphrey started Ventura Farm
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were played and a number of persons tried their hand at stunt kite flying. "I would like to thank all of the business and organizations for their support. I think it turned out to be a great day," said Duesenberry.

Ice art

Kelly Nelson, of Omaha, Neb., was hard at work Saturday on an ice sculpture. The contest was part of the Winterfest activities at MacIntosh Woods State Park. Although she was one of the younger contestants, Nelson was experienced in the sculpting -- she was attending her fourth Winterfest. She is the niece of Winterfest organizer Gary Duesenberry. -Reporter photo.

Longtime legislator Alvin Miller dies

Longtime state legislator Alvin Miller, of Ventura, died Tuesday, Feb. 8 in Mason City, after battling cancer.

Miller, 72, whose service in the Iowa legislature spanned 20 years (1972-1992), was an advocate of community control during his tenure. The Democrat served as chairman of the Cities and Towns Committee, which later became known as the Local Government Committee. He also was a member of the Agriculture, Economic Development and Recreation and Tourism Committees.

In 1973, as a freshman representative to the House of Representatives, Miller was assigned to the Agriculture Committee because of his background. It was there that he

achieved his first success as a politician.

A bill was passed into law requiring a label on feed that listed contents in percentages. It did not restrict what could be added to feed, but gave Iowa farmers the opportunity to know what they were buying. The bill gave farmers more control over their operations, according to Miller.

With that victory under their belt, Miller and the Agriculture Committee went head-to-head with meat packers. A beef packing company which filed bankruptcy in the mid-1970s and left \$29 million in unpaid livestock purchases in Iowa alone, prompted lawmakers to seek stricter bonding laws.

The committee called a five-state meeting with Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas to develop a bonding law that could be effective across Federal Reserve Banking lines and be effective against the powerful meat packers. The strict, but livable bill that finally passed ensured Iowa farmers of a high percentage return under a bond guarantee of the company couldn't pay all their debts.

The federal government adopted an almost identical bill to Iowa's, as did other states.

Miller retired from public service to spend time with his wife, Frances, three children and grandchildren.

Sen. Miller's obituary appears on page 3.



SEN. ALVIN MILLER

For some, education is all in the family

The following feature story appeared in a recent edition of Logos, published by North Iowa Area Community College students. It was submitted to the Reporter.

by Nicole Acosta

While most traditional and non-

example of NIACC's continuing diversity on campus.

"We weren't trying to outdo each other," said Dana Nuehring. "We were just trying to get the grade that we could."

At first Dana hoped that no one

Dana's cousin also shared the class with them and neither of the three relished the idea of taking the class together.

"We all decided, 'Well, we're just going to have to get through this,' and it was wonderful," said Linda.

degree in May and transfer to the University of Iowa to study hospital administration.

Both feel that their relationship changed for the better after their time on campus together, and Linda thinks that part of the change is because they sometimes help each other with

Ina Mae Woiwod



Services for Ina Mae Woiwod, 59, of Clear Lake, who died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1993 at the Muse-Norris Inpatient Hospice Center in Mason City were held 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1993 at St. John's

Lutheran Church northeast of Garner with the Rev. Edward Clemens as officiant. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery in Mason City. Visitation was held at the Cataldo Funeral Chapel in Garner. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to Hospice of North Iowa.

Ina Mae Woiwod, the daughter of Alfred H. and Elfrieda Caroline (Zeit) Woiwod was born June 11, 1933 on a farm northeast of Garner. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church. She graduated from Ventura High School in 1951 and then attended Waldorf College in Forest City. She began working for Lutheran Social Services in Mason City in June 1953, a position she held for nearly forty years.

Ina Mae dedicated her life to Lutheran Social Services. Just as scripture states that we all possess different gifts and talents given by the grace of God, Ina Mae was called to Lutheran Social Services. In her role of secretary, her voice was the first that a hurting person heard. Ina Mae offered compassion and hope, when all else seemed lost!

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Walther League, the church choir, taught Sunday school and was a charter member of St. John's Evening Guild. She belonged to

Sen. Alvin V. Miller



Senator Alvin V. Miller, 72, of 5 County Lane, Ventura, Iowa, died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1993 at the Muse Norris Hospice In-Patient Unit in Mason City, Iowa.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 1993 at the United Methodist Church in Clear Lake, Iowa. The Rev. David Gobeli and Rev. Paul Fredericksen officiated. Burial was in the Ventura Cemetery, Ventura, Iowa.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Alvin V. Miller Memorial Fund.

He was born Feb. 2, 1921 on the family farm in Clear Lake, Iowa, the son of Claude O. and Cora (Moorehead) Miller. He graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1939.

He farmed with his father for many years. After marrying Frances Sorenson March 26, 1943 he and his wife moved to a farm south of Ventura. In 1963 he and Larry Humphrey

Charles Boeh

Charles F. Boehnke, 94, died Friday, Feb. 12, 1993 at the Care Center, Clear Lake.

Funeral services were held Feb. 15, 1993 at 10:30 a.m. at a Lutheran Church, north of Garner, with the Rev. Clemens officiating. Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Charles F. Boehnke, son of Matilda (Dorow) Boehnke, was born June 1, 1898, on a farm north of Garner. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Church.

On Dec. 18, 1927, he married Johanna (Berghoefer) Boehnke. The Lutheran Church, Hampshire, Iowa. The couple farmed northwest of Clear Lake for most of their active lives. After his death in November 1975, he continued to live on the home farm. In 1991, he moved to Oak Center, Clear Lake.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where he served as a deacon, board member of the Parochial School and president of the Lutheran Layman's League, District West. He was also a member of Ventura Farm Elevator and a member of the Clear Lake Bureau.

Survivors include five sons: Charles Boehnke and wife, Doris; Clarence Boehnke and wife, Rapid City, S.D.; Armand Boehnke and wife, Burnsville, Minn.; Walter Boehnke and wife, Alpha, Iowa; and Walter Boehnke and wife, Engelwood, Colo. one daughter, Louise Boehnke, Ventura; two daughters-in-law, Tillie Hinrichs, Ventura; two sons-in-law, Arthur Boehnke, Garner, Iowa; and Alice Boehnke and wife, Alice, Clear Lake, Colo.; 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, a son, Roland Boehnke; and three grandchildren; and three

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She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Walther League, the church choir, taught Sunday School and was a charter member of St. John's Evening Guild. She belonged to Bethlehem Altar Guild in Mason City and was a volunteer with the United Way in Cerro Gordo County.

She is survived by her mother, Elfrieda Woiwod of Clear Lake; her sister, Elda Ann Motland of Hiawatha; her sister-in-law, Kathy Woiwod of Garner; her nieces and nephews, Rodney Fuller and his wife, Cecile of Manhattan Beach, Calif., Nancy Gates and her husband, Rick, of Clear Lake, Elizabeth Waddingham and her husband, Mark, of Garner, Neal Arlo Woiwod of Garner and Susan Woiwod of Garner; and a great nephew, Brian Gates.

She was preceded in death by her father, Alfred H. Woiwod, March 13, 1965, and her brother, Arlo Woiwod, Jan. 23, 1991.

Louise Boehnke served as organist. Ushers were Robert Olson and Kevin Olson. Honorary bearers were: Lee Luhrs, Lyn Lienhard, Jerry Fritsch, Leonard Larson, Janet Wiskus, Caryl Martin, Mary Boone, Heidi Dahlstrom, Michele Willis, Ann Spalding, Louise Anderson and Terri Walker. Casket bearers were: Rodney and Cecile Fuller, Rick and Nancy Gates, Mark and Elizabeth Waddingham, Neal Woiwod and Susan Woiwod.

Lois Ione Lee

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Funeral

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He was a member of the Ventura Lions Club, Danish Brotherhood Organization of America and I.O.O.F. Lodge in Clear Lake. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Cerro Gordo County Mutual Insurance. He was a member of the Ventura United Methodist Church, and a certified lay speaker for the United Methodist Church.

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Marlowe E. Becker, 82, N., died Friday, Feb. 12, 1993. Funeral services were held Wednesday, at 10 a.m. at the Slyke Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Bernard Lake United Methodist officiating. Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. at the Mas Dallas Center, Iowa.

Memorials may be given to Marlowe E. Becker, in care of Marlowe Becker was born 1911, in Perry, son of Ernest (Short) Becker. He married Brelsford of May 29, 1935, Oregon.

Marlowe grew up in the Perry area. He was a machinist in the Navy from 1931 to 1951 during World War II. His wife moved to Clear Lake where he worked for

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FRIDAY, FEB. 19 - Blended carrots, fresh apple wedges

SATURDAY, FEB. 20 - green beans, tossed wedges

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She was born Oct. 1, 1900, in Humboldt, Iowa the daughter of Frank and Nellie (Hayden) Jacobson. She attended school in Humboldt. She worked at A.B. White's Ready to Wear and the telephone office in Humboldt. She married Glenn Lee in 1921 in Clear Lake. She worked at the Fashion Shop in Clear Lake for 20 years. She and her

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He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Arnold Miller and an infant daughter.

Pallbearers were: Dennis May, James Miller, David Bergman, John Groninga, Therron Miller, Gary Stoltenberg and Tim Stoltenberg.

Honorary pallbearers were: Sen. Bill Hutchins, Sen. Jack Kibbie, Sen. Albert Sorensen, Sen. Emil Husak, Sen. Leonard Boswell, Sen. Eugene Fraise, Sen. Donald Gettings, Wilbur Schmoll, John Flannery, Howard McKinnon.

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Obituaries

Alvin V. Miller

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Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at United Methodist Church, 508 Second Ave. N., Clear Lake, with the Revs. David Gobeli and Paul Fredericksen officiating.



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Alva C. Reetz

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Alva C. Reetz, 75, of St. Paul, a former longtime Mason City, Iowa, resident, died Wednesday (Feb. 10, 1993) at Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 213 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Mason City, with the Rev. Ernest Thompson officiating.



Alva C. Reetz

Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Mason City.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today and Friday morning until noon at Major Erickson Funeral Home, 209 Second St. N.E., and one hour prior to service time Friday at the church.

Memorials may be given to KCMR Radio, A.L.S. Society of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, or the Alzheimers Association.

Alva C. Reetz was born June 14, 1917, in Glyndon, Minn., the daughter of Albert and Amanda (Roslien) Holstad. She attended public school at Northwood, Iowa. She married Frederick G. Reetz on Dec. 2, 1945, at Elk Creek Lutheran Church, Kensett, Iowa. He preceded her in death in 1967. She worked in sales at Bergo's for 20 years and also was employed by Russell's and Reynold's Studios, all in Mason City.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City, church circle, card club, was active in Girl Scouts and taught Sunday school for many years. She participated in the church's annual bazaar where she enjoyed quilting and baking. In 1992, she moved to St. Paul to be near her children.

Janice M. B

MARBLE ROCK — Janice M. Bushbauer Rock, died Tue 1993) at St. Josep tal, Mason City, tions of cancer.

Memorial servit at 10:30 a.m. Satu Methodist Church with the Rev. Sh ing officiating. He mated and buria later date in Ha Dumont.

The family will from 7 to 9 p.m. F Funeral Chapel, where there will public Scripture se

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She was a memb Rock United Metho where she served treasurer for many was active in the U odist Women. She member of the S Study Club.

She will be remer devoted mother and ry, Des Moines, interest ly and who attended latic events and

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He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Arnold Miller, and an infant daughter.

Ethel Bower

OSAGE — Ethel Bower, 84, of Osage, died Tuesday (Feb. 9, 1993) at the Faith Home.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Champion Funeral Home, Osage. The Rev. Robert W. Lemmermann of Little Cedar Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Osage Cemetery.

Visitation begins at 3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Ethel Bower was born March 11, 1908, in Burr Oak Township

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Survivors include a daughter, Marlys and husband Ted Eldridge, Bowling Green, Ohio; two sons, Gary A. Reetz, St. Paul, Minn., and Gaylen and wife Beth Reetz, Eagan, Minn.; four granddaughters, Amanda and Katharine Eldridge, and Megan and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Reetz; four sisters, Berniece and husband Edward Rodemeyer, Hampton, Iowa, Marcella and husband Donald Picken, Mason City, Orla and husband Gordon Nelson, Forest City, Iowa, and Lorette and husband Merle Kroneman, Mason City; three brothers, Sophus and wife Eldora Holstad, Clear Lake, Iowa, Arnold and wife, Amy Holstad, Green Valley, Ariz., and Harland and wife, Virginia Holstad, Hampton; and 22 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Frederick, and a sister, Loraine Albertus.

Jessie Woods

MASON CITY — Jessie Woods, 82, of Mason City, died Tuesday (Feb. 9, 1993) at Americana Healthcare Center.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Major Erickson Funeral Home, 209 Second St. N.E. The Rev. Carl Ries of St. Joseph Catholic Church will officiate. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, with a scripture wake service at 7 p.m. at the

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Living family me her husband, Mar of Marble Rock; fo and Sandy Bush City, Kenny and baum, Rudd, Ranc Bushbaum, Rockfo and Jennifer Bush City; 13 grandchi Corey, Jason, Jar Heather, Clint, I thon, Jonathon, and baum, Shannon Jason Christenson grandchild, Christ baum; and two br Richard, Aredale, Richard, Oskaloosa.

She was precede her parents, a sor grandson, Benjamin a brother, Delmar R

Funerals 7

HOLMEN, Lydie Willmar, Minn., Mason City, 2 p.m. Brothers Funeral H 700 Becker Ave. V Minn.

MARCH, Fern G Hampton, at 10:30 Paul's Lutheran Cl mer.

PEDERSON, Ella Lake Mills, 10 a.m. Prairie Lutheran Ch Lake Mills

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Victor Meyer Farm - 1985

Max and Lucy Milhous

Max Milhous was born on a farm west of Ventura in 1920. When he was about two years old he moved to town when his father quit farming in 1922. Lucy Helm was born in Kesley, Iowa in 1920 and moved here about the same time in 1922, when her father got a job as a clerk at the grocery store.

They have one daughter, Teri, who was born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 in 1944. Lucy has one brother who lives in Green Valley, Arizona. Max has one brother in Nora Springs and four sisters, one in Cedar Rapids, one in Green Vally, Arizona, one in St. Joel, Michigan and the youngest passed away.

When they were young they remember there were no cars. Instead "everything was horses." Also during their teen years they had radios that they listened to all the time. They feel that kids today have it a lot better off. Things in the home have also changed. They remember

not having electricity, indoor plumbing or a gas range.

When Max and Lucy started school there was no kindergarten and so they started in the first grade. They both graduated from Ventura in 1927. Other things that have changed in Ventura were number of houses, the availability of city water and the development of the telephone. Lucy remembers the first time she saw a telephone was after their marriage on the 26th of August in 1946.

A funny story they remember was when a friend of Max's stole an elephant from a circus visiting Clear Lake and hid it under a bridge.

When Max and Lucy were teenagers the only jobs they could do were farm and housework. Max first went to work for Lloyd Lau driving truck, then he was in the army for four years. After he got back he finished at Northern Natural Gas after 37 years. Lucy worked at Ventura State Bank. She quit to take care of their daughter for 17 years. Later she worked as a subclerk for the post office. They both retired in 1982.

Max's hobbies are fishing and hunting. Lucy used to bowl and play cards. She considers herself to be Max's fishing buddy. What they like about Ventura is the friendliness, and they will remember it as a good community with good neighbors. Two of their memorable events are when they got married and when Max got back from war.

Alvin and Frances Miller

On February 2, 1921, Alvin Miller was born on the farm that his parents Claude and Cora (Moorehead) Miller lived on in Union Township, Clear Lake. He was their first child.

On February 10, 1925, Frances Sorensen was born on the farm where her parents, Chris and Petra (Bach) Sorensen lived, about four miles southwest of Clear Lake. She was the seventh child in a family of eight children. In March 1926, the Sorensen family moved to a farm about three fourths of a mile from the Claude Miller family and lived there for three years.

Alvin Miller lived on the same farm that he was born until he grew to manhood. A brother, Arnold, was born on February 3, 1932. Alvin attended Union Township #6 grade school. (Several of the older Sorensen children also attended that same school.) Alvin commuted to high school and later boarded with a family in Clear lake. He graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1939.

Frances Sorensen moved with her family to a farm

northwest of Mason City in 1930. She attended Lime Creek #4 rural school. She started high school at Mason City High School and in 1940 the family moved back to the Clear Lake area and she graduated in 1942 from the Clear Lake High School.

After the Sorensen family returned to the Clear Lake area, Alvin and Frances met at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Clear Lake one evening at a traveling show. "Little Ole" group put on plays and later in the evening dancing took place. The Miller family and the Sorensen family had both attended the play. A few weeks later Alvin and Frances met again by chance at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake. At the time they met, Alvin was dating another girl, but something happened to that romance and soon Alvin and Frances began dating.

March 26, 1943, Alvin Miller and Frances Sorensen were married at the Sorensen family home four miles north of Clear Lake. This was during World War II and rationing was in effect and housing was hard to find. Alvin was farming with his father, so the newlyweds moved into the house where Alvin had been born, sharing family life with Claude and Cora Miller and their son Arnold. Their first daughter was stillborn in January 1944. In September of 1944, while the families were both gone for the day, the house was destroyed by fire. Very little was salvaged from the fire.

March 1, 1946, the Miller families moved to a farm four miles west and one and a half miles south from where they were living. The farm was a part of the old Stone Ranch that had been purchased by the Bellamy Brothers. On February 6, 1947, Marlene Carol was born to the couple. Two years later Alvin, Frances and Marlene moved to another farm that the Bellamy Brothers owned one mile south and one mile west. Marcia Jane was born October 23, 1950, while they lived on that farm.

March 1, 1954, Alvin and Frances and the girls moved to a farm that Hugh and Nora Strain owned six miles south of Ventura. This was their home until 1975. Danny Dean was born December 18, 1959, while they were living there. In August 1975, the Millers bought a home in Ventura. Both of the girls were gone from the "nest" and were married. Danny was the only one left when they moved to town. The move into Ventura meant that, after fifty-four years, Alvin finally had moved out of Union Township.

Alvin had been elected to the Iowa Legislature in 1972, and had commuted to Des Moines for the sessions, leaving Frances at home to attend to their fertilizer business and Danny to attend school. In 1985, their fertilizer business was sold and Frances began going to Des Moines to attend the legislative sessions with Alvin. (Danny had graduated from high school in 1978 and was married to

Judy Stoltenberg in 1985.)

Frances worked as an assistant clerk to Senator Charles Miller of Burlington, Iowa, for two years. Alvin's clerk resigned during the 1987 session, and when they returned to Des Moines in 1988, Frances assumed the position of his legislative clerk and served in that capacity until his retirement at the end of the 1992 legislative session.

Marlene Miller graduated from Ventura High School in 1965 and from Westmar College (Lemars, Iowa) in 1968. She married Jerry Design in 1970. After teaching school for seven years, she decided to be a full time mother. They have three children, Sherry, age 20; Melody, age 19; and Jeff, age 16. Marlene and Jerry are living in Neenah, Wisconsin, where Marlene is employed by Younkers and Jerry by Kimberly-Clark.

Marcia Miller graduated from Ventura High School in 1969 and Spencer School of Business in 1970. She married Richard Kuehler in 1971. They have four sons, Matt, age 21; Bill, age 19; Joe, age 15; and Nate, age 12. Marcia is employed by Spencer Hospital and Richard by Heartland Press. They are residents of Spencer, Iowa.

Danny Miller graduated from Ventura High School in 1978, from NIACC in 1988 and from Buena Vista in 1990. He married Judy Stoltenberg in 1985. They have one daughter, Danielle, age 4. Danny is employed by the US Postal System and Judy is a full time homemaker. They became residents of Ventura in November, 1993.

Sherman and Ferne Moore

Ferne Hilt Moore lived in and around Ventura from birth 1905 to 1960. She has lived in Tucson, Arizona since that time. Her parents, Wilbur and Lydia Hilt, farmed. She and sister Faye Hilt graduated from Ventura High School in 1925 and 1922 respectively. Faye taught second grade at Ventura School in the mid-twenties. Sherman Moore drove one of the Ventura School buses with a team of horses - the bus Ferne rode - and that's how they met. Ferne drove a panel school bus in the '40's. She used to gather Ventura news for the Clear Lake Mirror. He worked for the county running the snow plow and other road maintenance vehicles. They raised four children who attended Ventura School. All graduated from there except the youngest. They are: Beverly Moore Peters, Clear Lake; Bud Moor, Overland Park, Kansas; Beth Moore Strickler, Ames; and Becky Moore, Tucson, Arizona.

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