

Arthur Miller

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Miller, Arthur, Sr., of 3071 Canal st. nw., on November 11, 1952, father of Arthur Miller, jr. and Gustav Fred Miller, and brother of Mrs. Mabel Akers, Mrs. Hattie Askew and Edward Miller. Services at Chambers Funeral Home, 3072 M st. nw., on Friday, November 14, at 10 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Arthur Miller Dies; Former Canal Pilot

Arthur Miller, sr., one of the last surviving Chesapeake & Ohio Canal pilots, will be buried at Congressional Cemetery today.

During the last decade of its operation -- from 1914 to 1924 -- Mr. Miller piloted barges through portions of the C. & O. Canal, and took them as far as Chain Bridge where he turned them over to their skippers.

Mr. Miller, 67, of 3071 Canal st. nw., died Tuesday. Services were to be held at 10 a.m. today in Chambers funeral home, 3072 M st. nw.

Mr. Miller grew up in Birmingham, Ala. After several years of Army service he settled here in 1914 and went to work for the Columbia Sand & Gravel Co., now known as the Smoot Sand & Gravel Co., at 3020 K st. nw.

Barges and canal boats from cities along the Maryland banks of the canal came to the firm for loads of sand and gravel. Mr. Miller then piloted the craft through the initial difficult stretches of the canal.

When a flood closed the canal for good in 1924 Mr. Miller continued as superintendent of yard operations at the Columbia firm. Since 1941 he has worked as a Government employee, first as a guard, and most recently as an electrician's helper at the State Department.

He is survived by two sons, Arthur, jr., and Gustav, both of the home address, two sisters and a brother.