

Neville D. Miller

(- 19 Dec 1950)

Miller, Neville D. Suddenly, on Tuesday, December 19, 1950, at Pleasantville, Washington County, Md., Neville D. Miller of 3800 14th st. n.w., beloved husband of Marguerite D. Miller, father of Davidson C. Miller, brother of Mrs. Allen M. Burns. Services at the S.H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. n.w., on Friday, December 22, at 1 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.



NEVILLE D. MILLER.

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Neville D. Miller Dies At 69; Advertising Executive of Star

Neville D. Miller, 69, who, during his 48 years with The Star, was its first and only classified advertising manager, died unexpectedly yesterday afternoon on his Fort Sullivan farm near Harpers Family.

Mr. Miller had driven there earlier in the day to deliver Christmas presents to his numerous friends in that area -- a trek he had made annually for a number of years.

The advertising executive, long in excellent health, was stricken in his car where he was arranging the gifts for delivery. His father-in-law, Leicy Depue, who accompanied him, was in the house at the time and, on his return to the car, found Mr. Miller slumped in the back seat. Death was attributed to a coronary occlusion.

Only Job He Ever Had

Mr. Miller had been classified advertising manager since 1922 and was responsible for the shaping of the department from its infancy to its present status. Under his direction, the department grew to its present staff of 40 telephone ad takers and seven classified salesmen.

It was the only job he ever had. Mr. Miller grew up with The Star and, through the years, became one of its best loved employes. He was known as a gentle, retiring man with an overabundance of drive and ability. Old associates never forgot him. Sometimes, as long as 15 years later, they would drop in just to say hello and talk over old times.

Mr. Miller was a third-generation Washingtonian, the son of Douglass G. and Sophie P. Miller. His father, a retired Post Office employe died in 1938, and his mother's death occurred last June.

He was a graduate of the old Business High School and later became an accomplished pianist. Often he was accompanist for his father, a well-known tenor, who sang for benefits here.

Started Work as Clerk

Mr. Miller, who lived at 3800 Fourteenth street N.W., started in 1902 with The Star as a clerk in the business office. He then rose to assistant cashier and, at the same time held the position of paymaster. In World War I, he was put in charge of national advertising and subsequently took the post he was to hold until his death.

For 15 successive years he was treasurer of the Evening Star's Employes Club. He belonged to the Lebanon Masonic Lodge and, since childhood, had been active in the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

For many years, Mr. Miller had spent summers at his historic Fort Sullivan farm. The fort on his property, which occupies a hill overlooking Harpers Ferry, was the scene of several battles during the Civil War.

Besides Mr. Depue, who lived with him, he leaves his wife, Mrs. Marguerite Depue Miller; a son, Davidson C. Miller, patent attorney of 3702 Lyons Lane, Alexandria; two grandchildren, Conway and Martha Miller, and a sister, Mrs. Aileen M. Burns of the Fourteenth street address.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in the Hines funeral home, 2901 Fourteenth street N.W. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

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