

Thomas L. Miller, Sr. (1935-)



President, Missouri Press Association, 1992; President, Missouri Advertising Managers' Association, 1971; Recipient, University of Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism, 1992. Former co-publisher of The Washington Missourian. At kindergarten age Miller caught newspapers off his father's newspaper press in Milford, Iowa. His father, James L. Miller, Sr., bought the Missourian in 1937. Miller started in the circulation department in 1957 after military service in Korea. Then he served as ad manager into the mid-1990s. Upon his father's death in 1989, Miller became co-publisher with his brother William L. Miller, Sr., until retiring in 1996. Under his leadership, the ad department won many awards, including 20 first-place awards in Best Advertising from Missouri Press Association. A willing volunteer for newspaper and civic groups, he served on the board of advisors for the Columbia Missourian, the Missouri Press Foundation, the State Historical Society of Missouri, Downtown Washington, and president of the Washington Historical Society. He set an example for all through his honesty, integrity and generous spirit.