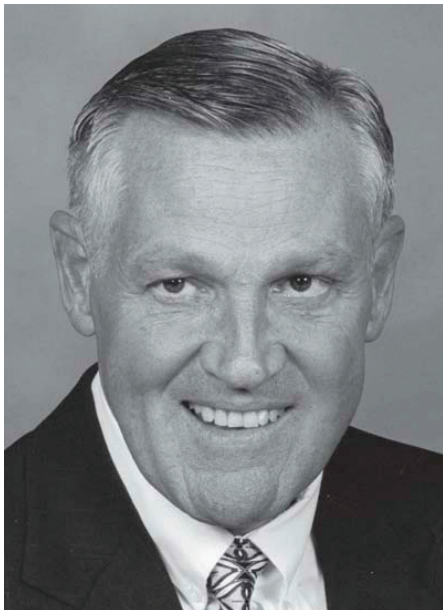


W. Ray Vickery

(1939-2006)



1990: President, *Missouri Press Association*

1978: President, *Ozark Press Association*

1972: President, *Missouri Advertising Managers' Association*

Former publisher, owner, *The Salem News*

Former board member, *Missourian Publishing Association*

Vickery earned a degree from the Missouri School of Journalism, 1961. He flew jets off aircraft carriers during the Vietnam War. Later, he was a test pilot in St. Louis. In 1969, he joined his parents at *The Salem News*, and later became owner and publisher, retiring in 1998. As MPA President, he visited the offices of all 300 MPA member newspapers. Vickery fought for the improvement of Highway 72, the major highway serving Salem. He also vigorously supported the Dent County Museum, local school projects and the children of the community. He loved the University of Missouri and Mizzou athletics. He died of cancer on Dec. 1, 2006, less than a week after attending the Tiger football team's defeat of its arch rival Kansas Jayhawks.