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Tuesday, December 13

Olnton Miller

Funeral services for Olnton D. Miller, 85, a longtime Arizona produce grower and shipper who died Saturday in Phoenix after a brief illness, will be 3 p.m. Thursday at A.L. Moore & Sons Mortuary, 333 W. Adams.

Mr. Miller, a former state senator and a gubernatorial candidate in 1956, for many years was part-owner of Miller-Johns Co., a produce shipping firm with headquarters in Phoenix and branch offices in Salinas, Calif., and the Imperial Valley.

He entered the real estate field in 1959 after he and his former partner, Chet Johns, retired.

Early in his career, he worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was assigned to that department's Phoenix office in the early 1920s.

In 1929, he helped write the Arizona Standardization Act, which legalized standards and grades for agriculture in the state.

Mr. Miller was born in Illinois. He studied agriculture at Ruskin College, Ruskin, Fla., a school that his father founded.

He had been chairman of the Arizona State Hospital Board; a founder and president of Barrow's Neurological Foundation; president of the Phoenix Opera Company; president of the Phoenix Symphony Association; and president of the Western Growers Association.

He served eight years on the Arizona Board of Regents and was chairman in 1967. In 1972, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Arizona State University.

He is survived by a son, L. Don Miller of Scottsdale; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Shine Services
MILLER, O.D., 85, 7550 N. 16th St. Father of L. Don Miller, Scottsdale. Step-father of Thomas W. Moore, Phx. Passed away Saturday. 3 grandchildren also survive. Services conducted by Dr. H. Shelby Lee 3 p.m. in Memory Chapel, A.L. Moore & Sons. Private interment Resthaven Park Cemetery. A Memorial to the Orangewood Estates is preferred. Friends may call from 4 until 9p.m. Wednesday.

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ILLINOIS

Born Feb 7, 1896¹ OLTON Dickman Miller

Died Dec 12 1981

Mother - Adaline Dickman ~~At~~

FIRST VISITED PHX 1920

Frances Macdonald

MOVED HERE IN 1924 WITH WIFE FRANKIE A

Grew up in Chicago area - @ age of 15
moved to Fla with family - FATHER PIONEERED
Town of Tuskin & Founded Tuskin College.

Graduated From Tuskin College Class of '17
WITH Degree in Agriculture & Journalism

Served 2 years over seas in WORLD WAR I

Worked Four Years for USDA in N.Y.C.

In 1924 managed PHX OFFICE FOR
NEW YORK PRODUCE HOUSE FOR USDA

1925 went into partnership in
BARKER-Miller Dist. Co. - Produce Grower-^{SHIPPER}

AFTER MR. BARKER'S DEATH HE FORMED
Partnership WITH CHET JOHNS AS

Miller Johns Co. - 1925?

Terminated M-S. after 35 years 1960.

He maintained ^{Agricultural} enterprises in AZ, Colo, Calif.
and Fla.

Collaborated with Univ. of AZ. To
select crops which would survive in these
climates.

Pioneered the development of the commercial
agricultural business that grew
up in AZ.

On 2500 acres of farmland he grew
lettuce, cauliflower, cabbage, broccoli -
carrots, potatoes -

Also grew some cotton, wheat & ALFALFA

913 One of committee of 3 who wrote AZ
Standardization act ^{of 1919} which effectively
legalized standards & grades bringing
order to an otherwise chaotic produce
market.

Also active in civic & cultural affairs served on AZ State Hosp. Bd., - became chairman. 1950

One of the Founders of Barrows neurological Foundation and Second President.

Life Member of PHX Lions Club
MEMBER OF ^{MASONIC} HIRAM CLUB AND
FRATERNAL ORDER OF MASONS

As patron and participant in the arts was poet scholar and baritone vocalist.

One poem published in Science of Mind Magazine

Appeared in PHX Little Theater and operatic productions - played

^{role}
PRESIDENT OF PHX opera Co.

MEMBER OF ORPHEUS CLUB

Member of ~~Lions Club~~ Quartet.

1951

Sponsor of State Tree Standardization
Committee

1943 Pres. of Western Growers Assoc.

1945 Pres. of United Fresh Fruit
and Vegetable Assoc.

Served on Draft Board during WWII

Following WWII Served 2 Terms
as State Senator in AZ Leg.

1956 Ran as one of 3 Rep. Candi-
dates for Governor. AZ

1959-1967 8 Year Term on State
Board of Regents, during which time
helped Goldwater & Fannin starting
pol. careers. Ended as Chairman
of Bd of Reg.

1967 During ASU Golden Jubilee
He was awarded ASU's Diamond of
distinction

1972 Awarded an Honorary Doctor
of Law By ASU

Among the founders of Phoenix Symphony
Appointed Life Trustee when found.

Formed

President of Symphony BOD 1951-52
Vice Pres. '48

Among Founders of PHX Art Museum
Treasurer in, then vice pres. early 60's

Served as Treasurer of PHX FINE ARTS Assoc.
Board of Trustees

Founding member and president of
AZ ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION.

Pres. of Valley Field Riding & Polo Club '51-52

AFTER retiring from Produce Business
in 1960 went into business with
Scarbrough as a Real Estate
Broker in Scarborough - Miller Realty

AFTER the loss of his first wife,
Frankie, he married Dorothy _____
who passed away 3 years ago.