

Kenneth D. Miller, 81

April 11, 1918 – June 1, 1999

HARLAN – Kenneth D. Miller, son of Dale Forrest and Beulah Jane Miller, was born April 11, 1918, in Zearing. He attended Perry Community Schools in Perry, and graduated in 1936. During his high school he worked for the Perry Chief Newspaper and learned the linotype. He entered the Air Force and was a flight instructor for Army Cadets.

He married Harriet Swartz Oct. 5, 1942, in Yuma, AZ. During World War II he was a pilot for the Air Transportation Command. After his discharge he enrolled at Drake University and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He was employed by the Dallas Center Times and the Des Moines Register as a linotype operator. In 1953 to 1970 he was the owner and editor of the Armstrong Journal, Armstrong. During that period of time he acquired and printed the Ringsted Dispatch, Ringsted. In 1970 he sold his newspapers and moved to Mason City. He was employed by Klipto Printing as the superintendent of printing retiring in 1981 in Clear Lake and Florence, AZ. He was active in the Methodist Church in Armstrong serving on the board. He was a member of the Kiwanis, active in the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 94, Mason City. Ken flew and during his years in Mason City built an experimental aircraft (KR-2) with the help of a good friend. He died June 1, 1999, at Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, at age 81 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Beulah Miller. He is survived by his wife, Harriet N. Miller, Harlan; son, Barry Miller (Barbara) Dyskant), Champaign, IL; daughter, Barbara (Gary) Wirtjes, Harlan; six grandchildren, Christopher Wirtjes, Melissa Scholten (Paul), Mia Wirtjes, Nadine Dyskant-Miller, Raymi Dyskant and Erik Dyskant; his sister, Betty Jane Lovejoy of Pasadena, CA; and his brother, Bernard Miller of Glendale, CA.