



Addison B. Miller
NABOR President 1970

Addison B. Miller became president of the Naples on-the- Gulf Board of REALTORS in 1970. Ad was part of the first husband and wife team to serve as president of this board. His wife, Casey (Mary Josephine) Miller, served as president in 1976.

Ad was an Indianapolis native who earned his college degree in 1923 from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind. During WWII he served as an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve, retiring to inactive status as a commander in 1946.

He came to Naples in 1947 and spent the next few years as executive vice president of the Naples Land Co., one of the area's first development firms. The city's population was estimated to be 750.

Through the years, Ad was involved in developing more than twenty cooperative and condominium buildings, eight major commercial buildings and several subdivisions. He has been associated with Village Green Management Co., as president; Fairway Towers Ltd., as partner; Raintree Court Ltd., as partner; Naples High Point, president; and Barnett Bank of Collier County as vice president and director.

He joined the Naples on-the-Gulf Board of REALTORS in 1955 and has chaired committees that included finance, civic affairs, awards, program, membership, past presidents, and building-site task force. When he was board president, he asked the Board of Directors to give serious thought to the acquisition of a Board building. During this time the rented Board building was expanded 50% in size in the hopes that this would serve board needs for a couple of years.

Addison B. Miller completed the task designated by Past President, Earl Frye (1969) to bring the Naples on-the-Gulf Board of REALTORS and the Multiple Listing Service into compliance with everything required from the National Association and the IRS when the Multiple Listing Service was incorporated as a profit making corporation owned by the Board.

He has been president of the Naples Area Chamber of Commerce; president of the Navy's League's Naples Council; a member of the Economic Development Council's executive committee; a president of the Collier County Democratic Club; and a vice president of the Naples Community Hospital Advisory Board; president of the local Chapter of the Tiger Bay Club; and an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Ad Miller was conscious of the erosion of private property rights due to the new congressional legislation: The Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act.

In governmental activities, he has chaired the Port Authority of Collier County; served on both the county and city planning and zoning boards; and had lobbied for the Naples on-the-Gulf Board at the state legislature in Tallahassee; he served as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Jet Port Committee. In 1972 he was named District 5 Vice Chairman by FAR.

He was installed in the Collier County Business Leadership Hall of Fame at the Junior Achievement annual banquet.

He was awarded the Florida Association of REALTORS top honor at the state convention in October, followed by the presentation of a silver bowl denoting REALTOR of the Year status at the NAR convention at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach that November.

He was awarded Naples on-the-Gulf Board, REALTOR of the Year in 1971 and inducted into the NABOR Hall of Fame in 2003.

“Addison B. Miller brought to the presidency the experience and dignity of one who has seen things from all sides.” J.E. Carroll, Executive vice president, Naples on-the-Gulf Board of REALTORS.

“Many fondly remember Ad Miller best for his daily strolls along Fifth Avenue, South, every morning like clockwork. He was a true pioneer of Naples.” Jo Carter, NABOR President 2006