

Louis Miller

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Currency Official

Louis A. 'Dutch' Miller, 90, a retired official in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing who was a jazz pianist in the Washington area in the 1920s, died Nov. 12 at the Powhatan Nursing Home in Falls Church. He had Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Miller began his federal career in 1917 as an apprentice printer at the Navy Map Service. In 1921, he transferred to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. He was chief of currency and stamp manufacturing for 10 years before retiring in 1961.

When he began, currency was printed on hand presses that could turn out only 1,000 sheets a day, and each sheet contained only four notes. By the time he retired, currency was being printed on automatic equipment that produced 2,400 sheets an hour, each of which contained 32 notes. Mr. Miller was credited with contributing to the bureau's modernization.

He was a member of the International Plate Printers and Engravers Union.

A native of Washington, Mr. Miller graduated from McKinley Technical High School. As a young man, he appeared as a pianist at Glen Echo Ballroom and other locations in the area.

From 1962 to 1964, he lived in Frankfurt am Main, East Germany. He then lived in the Washington area until 1971, when he moved to Lighthouse Point, Fla. He returned here in 1986.

His first wife, Viola Miller, died in 1936. Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Frances Nadeau Miller of Alexandria; two children from his first marriage, Evelyn Sams of Fort Washington and Louis A. Miller Jr. of Camp Springs; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.