

## Kenneth L. Miller, Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame, Class of 2013

Kenneth L. Miller, a biology teacher, retired after 39 years of teaching service, was nominated by Mary Ann Trickle for induction into the Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame, Class of 2013. He began his career in Ransom, Kansas, in 1960, where he taught Chemistry, Biology, General Science and served as the basketball coach. Two years later he moved to Junction City, teaching Biology I and II and was assistant coach of football, basketball, and track. When he left in 1964, he moved to Salina where he would remain for the rest of his career. In Salina, he continued to teach biology and coach. His last three years were in the Performance Based Diploma Classroom, retiring in 2000.

Mr. Miller was known for his ability to motivate students to take part in science projects and competitions, where they scored high. Many said he "made science come alive" for them. Colleagues noted that he was creative and willing to share his ideas. During his tenure in Salina he served on QPA and other curriculum committees. His willingness to assume building leadership assignments were recognized widely.

Kenneth was a graduate of the College of Emporia, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in 1960. In 1964 he earned his Master's from Emporia State University, and completed other hours from Fort Hays University, Kansas State University, and the University of Iowa during the years from 1968 to 1990. He received many awards and recognitions, including National Science Foundation Summer Institute Grants. In 1969 he was selected as Outstanding Young Teacher by the Salina Jaycees, and in 1988, he was named Salina USD Teacher of the Year.

Kenneth Miller was tireless in the work he performed for his community during his career and still after his retirement. He served as deacon and elder at the Sunrise Presbyterian Church in Salina, as well as bus driver, meal coordinator and other duties. Ken was board member, director and volunteer at Camp Hope of the American Cancer Society in Topeka. He was a KNEA Delegate, and a board member of the Consumer Counseling Credit Services in Salina.

From 2000 to 2003, Mr. Miller spent time volunteering at Schilling Elementary School in Salina and was presented the Friend of Education Award by the Salina USD 305 Board of Education in 2008. He served as president of the College of Emporia Alumni Association in 2009, and was inducted into the College of Education Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

One admirer described Kenneth in this way: "Ken modeled the expectations he had for his students and continues to model expectations he had for the boards on which he serves. He is a life-long learner. He enjoys being of service to persons throughout the lifespan---preschoolers through senior citizens. Ken Miller is truly a giving person."

The Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame welcomes this "giving person," Kenneth L. Miller, to the Class of 2013.

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