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ever been really was on my way back home." Shirley and members of the Miller family, thank you for sharing Zell with us.

"His life is a testament to all that is good and all that is possible in this country we love. There will never be anyone like Zell Miller, and he leaves an example that we need more of our political leaders to follow."

Other friends of Zell, such as Gov. Nathan Deal and former governor Sonny Perdue, highlighted the importance of

his leadership as they eulogized Miller during his March 28 Executive State Funeral Service in the Georgia Capitol Rotunda.

"Zell Bryan Miller laid the foundation, I believe, that we stand on today, that we've stood on, to make Georgia the best state in which to do business for the last five years," said Perdue, now serving as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Continued Perdue: "I'm grateful for his life as a citizen of Georgia and as a citizen of the United States, and to see

him and to know his love for his state and his love for his family. It is just an honor to celebrate here today with you all. God bless you, Zell Bryan Miller."

During Miller's service at Peachtree Road UMC, his grandson Bryan shared a number of invaluable lessons he learned from his grandfather during his lifetime: the importance of loyalty and persistence, of family, hard work and more.

"Zell taught me how to be a good man, citizen, son and husband," said Bryan Miller, founder of the Miller Institute Foundation. "Zell taught many of us how to lead and be a good friend. But, most of all, Zell taught us how to live a happy life in the service of others."

With the help of Bryan Miller and the Miller Institute Foundation, the life lessons and hard work of Zell Miller will continue to inspire others, just as they have past and present Georgia governors, U.S. presidents, world leaders, and those right here in the North Georgia Mountains.

Miller grew up in North Georgia Mountains, and he graduated Young Harris College in 1951.

In 1953, he began his lifetime pursuit of service to others by enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps, and a year later, he married the love of his life, Shirley Carver, in 1954.

Zell and Shirley enjoyed

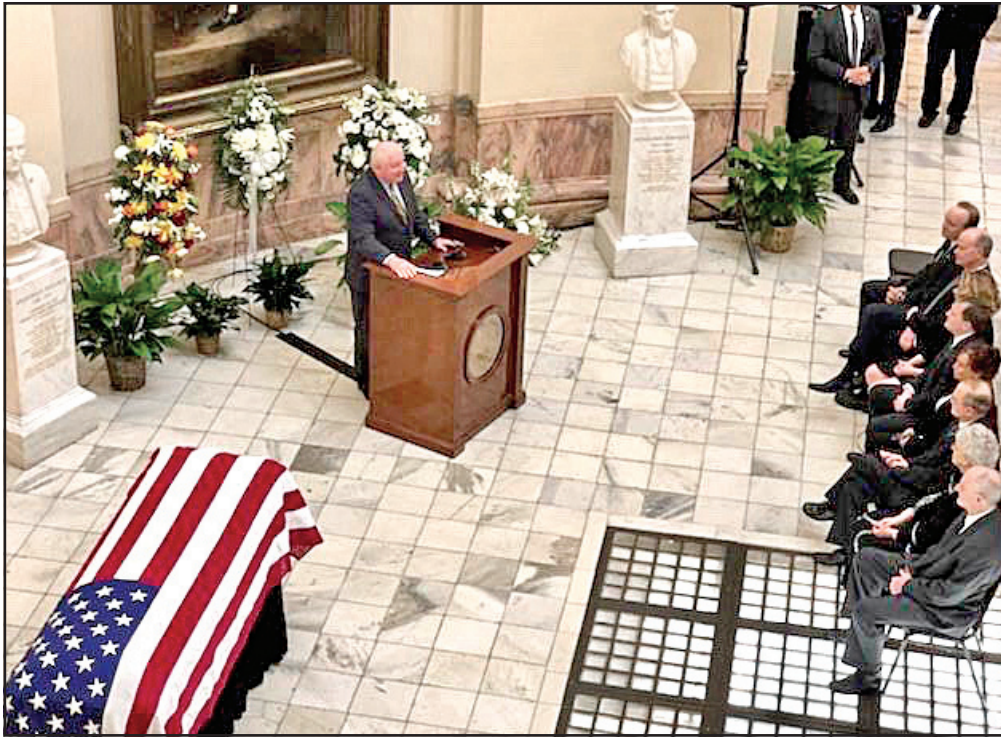


Photo by Miller Institute Foundation  
Zell Miller lying in state at the Georgia Capitol Rotunda during his third and final public memorial service on Wednesday, March 28.



Photo by Shawn Jarrard

Enotah Judicial Circuit Chief Superior Court Judge Murphy Miller, Zell's son, delivered a fond remembrance of growing up in the Miller household at his father's Young Harris College Memorial Service on Monday, March 26.

64 years of marriage and had two sons.

Miller served in the Marine Corps until 1956, and in 1958, he graduated from the University of Georgia with a master's degree in history.

After graduation from UGA, he returned to Young Harris College to begin a career as an educator.

Miller commenced his

political career as mayor of Young Harris, the same office his mother Birdie once held, and he served there from 1959 to 1960.

Subsequently, he won election to the Georgia Senate and served from 1961 to 1964, and later, he became the longest serving lieutenant governor in Georgia history with his service of 16 years from 1975

to 1991.

He went on to become Georgia's 79th governor, serving from 1991 to 1999, and from 2000 to 2005, Miller proudly represented his home state of Georgia in the U.S. Senate.

For more information on the life and times of Zell Miller, visit MillerFoundation.com.

## Sheriff Clinton looking to hire second school resource officer

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Towns County Sheriff Chris Clinton, Sole Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw and School Superintendent Dr. Darren Berrong have been talking about hiring a second school resource officer for the Towns County Schools.

All three men appeared together in the Feb. 23 Mountain Movers and Shakers meeting, where the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, was the topic at hand.

"We're currently in discussions after the Movers and Shakers meeting that Friday," said Clinton. "We had some positive discussions and thought about it over the weekend, and Monday, we came back and we sat down and started the discussion of adding a second resource officer at our schools."

Sheriff Clinton has been working hard with Dr. Berrong

and Bradshaw to find the most effective and least expensive solution to keeping the students and faculty safe at the schools.

Towns County Schools is made up of two buildings, and pending school board approval, the sheriff's office would have an officer in each building at all times when school was in session, according to Sheriff Clinton.

"I think every one of us would agree that's probably the best money we could spend to actually increase the safety of the students and the faculty of the school," said Sheriff Clinton. "I can't think of anything else you could do with that same amount of money that would be anywhere nearly as effective."

The cost for another school resource officer is approximately \$43,750, and according to Dr. Berrong, that cost would be split.

"The cost is split 75 percent for the schools and 25 percent for the county," said Dr.

Berrong. "We had the conversation at the last board meeting, and we will be discussing that again at the upcoming board meeting."

"So, we're looking at all of our options, and what's going to be our best thing to keep our schools safe, so we'll have another discussion at the next board meeting and see how the board feels about it."

The recent school shooting in Maryland is one example of how effective a school resource officer can be in the event of an active shooter in the schools.

"Sadly enough, we had the recent one in Maryland," said Sheriff Clinton. "Turns out this shooter was confronted in less than a minute by a school resource officer. Who knows what would have happened after that?"

"Without that resource officer, that could have been an even worse tragedy, although it's still very tragic."

Commissioner Bradshaw stands behind hiring a second school resource officer.

"We support a second school resource officer 100 percent," said Bradshaw. "Anything we can do to make our school safer, I am behind it."

The second resource officer will be a new position, pending school board approval.

Towns County's own School Resource Officer Donnie Jarrard is not only in the schools to keep everyone safe, he is there to help educate the students in other aspects of life.

"We want to keep them safe with an officer present, but also teach them how to be safe," said Clinton. "He does a lot of other programs with the older students, the high school students and the Students Against Drunk Driving, and the fifth-grade CHAMPS Program and things like that."

The deputies and the sheriff get involved in the CHAMPS Program, teach-



Photo by Lowell Nicholson  
Towns County Sheriff Chris Clinton with School Resource Officer Donnie Jarrard at Towns County Schools. Pictured here with the new SRO vehicle.

ing the fifth-graders about the things that matter to them and the community.

"We spend a lot of time on four-wheeler safety, boating safety, and firearm safety in the schools," said Clinton. "I actually teach the firearms safety portion, and I always ask the question, how many of you have firearms in your home?"

"And that's pretty much a 100 percent. And how many of you actually own a firearm? At fifth-grade level, the answer is about 75 percent of the boys own them, so that's an important topic for us."

SRO Jarrard recently received a new patrol vehicle with the help of the school board.

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