



LAURA MILLER
Community Leader, Legislator

Laura Miller and her husband Bob moved to Colorado from Texas in 1950, purchasing a five-acre plot on West Bowles Avenue in rural Jefferson County. When her two children were enrolled at Bear Creek, the only school in south Jefferson County, her work on school issues began. She worked for the creation of the county-wide R-I school district and helped pass the first bond issue, raising money to build new schools. She was active in PTA and served on the School Names Advisory Committee for 47 years.

Laura has been an active and responsible citizen who sincerely cared for the welfare of her community. She was elected as a Colorado State Representative in 1970 and served until 1976. She became an effective lawmaker, serving as Vice-Chair of the Education Committee, and was a key leader in implementing the school finance act, which ensured the equitable funding for schools in the state. Laura's influence in land development was most significant in the legislative acts that required local land use jurisdictions to plan properly for future growth.

Laura also served as a director on the Jefferson County Library board for 10 years. During that time, five new libraries were built throughout the county, and the district became financially independent through a dedicated county-wide mill levy.

Laura was instrumental and had direct influence on the quality of political leadership that was elected in Jefferson County. She was a dedicated campaign advisor for Sheriff Harold Bray and Commissioner Chet Hoskinson. In addition, her guidance and insight helped elect County Clerks, Treasurers, District Attorneys, Congressmen, and Senators.

Laura's lifetime of positive contributions have provided benefits to innumerable people, and her ability to envision a responsible solution is a unique characteristic that is worthy of recognition.

Laura Miller was elected to the Jefferson County Historical Commission Hall of Fame in 2009.