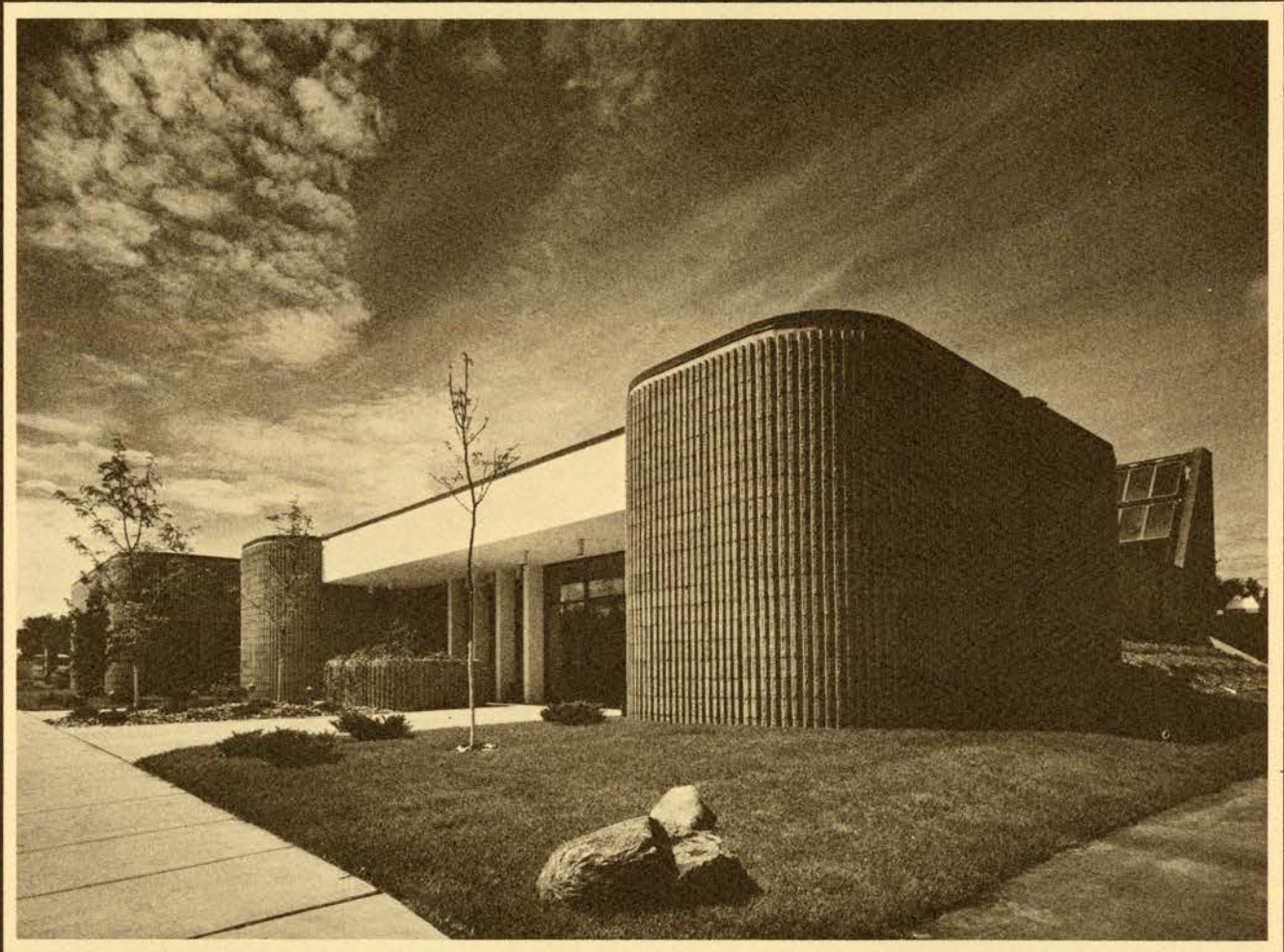
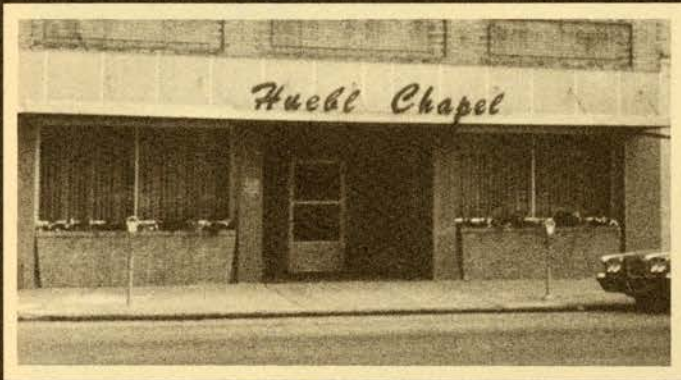


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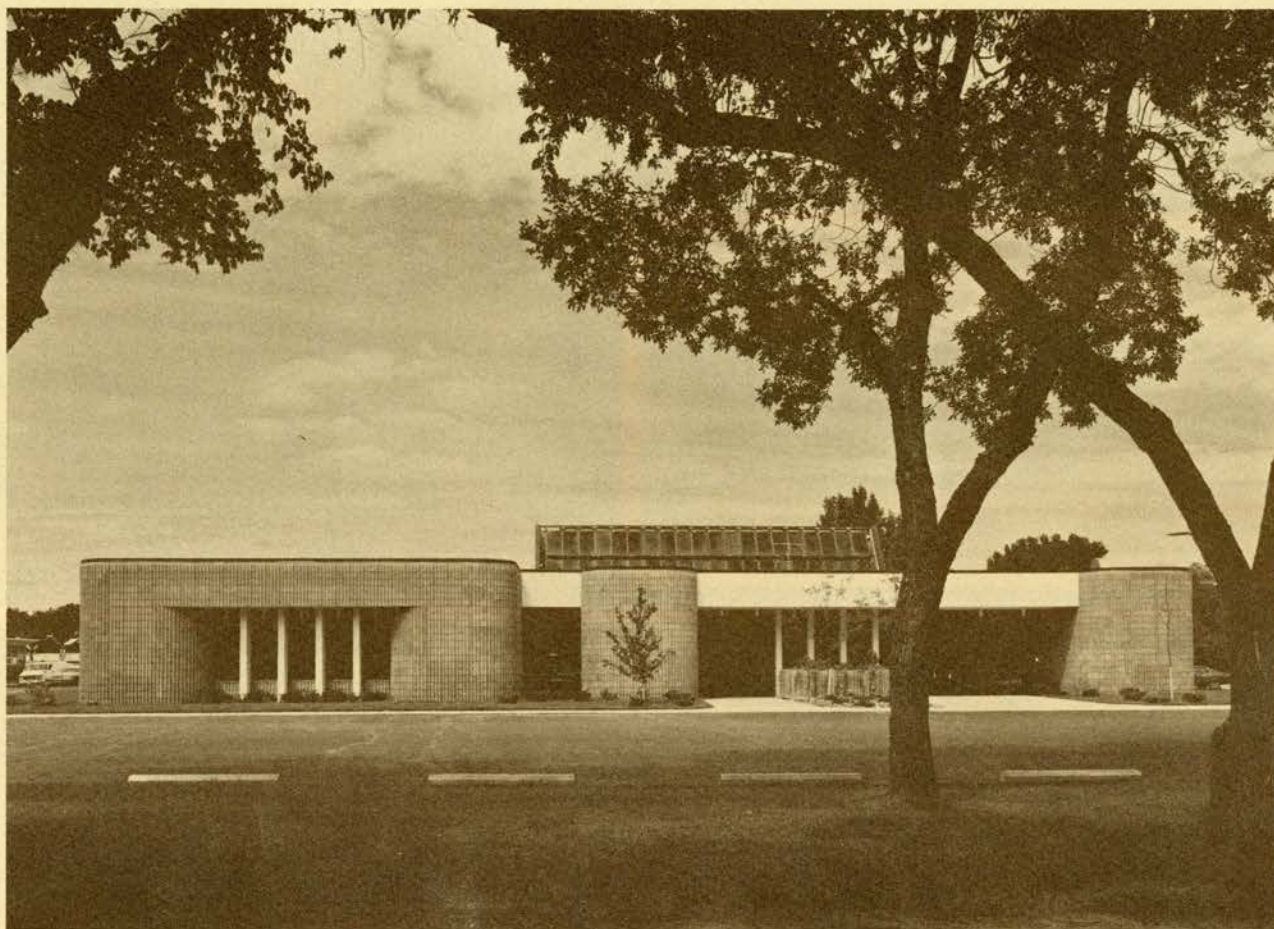


## MILLER-HUEBL FUNERAL HOME

Floyd and Helen Miller, Owners

1111 South Main  
Aberdeen, South Dakota





In 1973 the Millers purchased Huebl Funeral Chapel in Aberdeen from Bernard and Arlowine Heinz, and Gladys Huebl Smith. It had been established in 1907, by J. L. Huebl, the father of Mrs. Heinz and Mrs. Smith. The funeral chapel was operated from the downtown location for the next six years. By that time, the problems of the downtown traffic and the lack of adequate parking space necessitated a new location, and they began construction of the new facility in the fall of 1978 and moved into the completed building on June 30, 1979.

The new solar-heated and cooled facility is designed with an emphasis on energy efficiency, and is completely accessible by the elderly and the handicapped. No Federal or State Funds were involved in the construction of this project. The access to the funeral home is off Main Street, but the building faces South toward 12th Avenue S. E., both to take advantage of passive solar energy and to afford the families being served a greater degree of privacy. The forty solar collector panels are located on top of the Northeast section of the building and the sun's heat collected from them is carried by fluid contained in a system of copper tubing to an underground holding tank, and from there, is pumped through a mechanical system to be the source of either warm or cool air to be circulated throughout the building. Other energy conserving features of this building are that glass is used only on the South side and earth berming is used approximately eight feet up each of the three remaining walls. The building was designed by architect Richard Burns.





The monochromatic color scheme, carried out by the carpeting throughout the building, incorporates rust, chinese reds, and shrimp colors and contrasts with off whites, oatmeal beiges, and woodtones used in the backgrounds. Reception and lobby area shown above.



The emphasis in the interior of the building is on the flexible use of space, and rooms designed to be used for one purpose can easily be used for another purpose if necessary. For example the basic chapel which seats 150 people can be expanded into two of the slumber rooms by sliding a wall back and this increases the available seating to about 250.





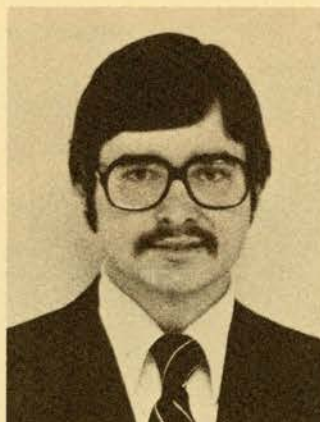
Floyd Miller, 46, a native of Saginaw, Michigan, received his education at Black Hills State College at Spearfish and Worsham College of Mortuary Science at Chicago, and holds South Dakota Funeral Directors License No. 1034. He was associated with Funeral Homes in Michigan, Missouri and Rapid City before purchasing the Bowdle funeral business in 1961. He has owned and operated Huebl Funeral Chapel at Aberdeen since 1973.



Helen Miller, a Groton native, is a graduate of Northern State College and worked as a high school English teacher before the Millers purchased the funeral home at Bowdle. Since then she has been active in the funeral business as well as church and community affairs.

The Millers have two children, Dr. Patrick Miller, a resident in Surgery at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, and Mary Miller, with the Continuity Department of KSFY TV, Sioux Falls.

Kenneth A. Kirk, 26, a native of Florence, South Carolina, is a graduate of South Dakota State University and the University of Minnesota, where he took his mortuary science training. He joined the firm in September, 1976, holding South Dakota Funeral Service License No. 1204. He and his wife Nancy have one son, Robbie.



Kyle Roberts, 24, a native of Hooker, Oklahoma, received his education at Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma, receiving his Funeral Service education at the College of Funeral Service Education at Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma. He holds an Oklahoma Funeral Directors License since 1976, he also holds a Kansas Funeral Directors License since 1978, and now is licensed in South Dakota holding License No. 1230. He and his wife Dawn and daughter Haley, have lived in Aberdeen since August of 1978.

