

COWART-MILLER

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Frank Thomas Cowart was born in Florida on October 3, 1906¹ in Florida. He was the first of several children born to Florida natives **David Solomon Cowart** and **Annie Belle Roach**. He was raised in Florida, and died in Florida.

In the middle of the Florida love-fest, Frank met fellow Floridian **Gussie D. Miller**, born in 1911, daughter of Floridian father **Walter Fred Miller** and Alabaman mother **Clyde O. Vann**, the first of five children². Frank Cowart and Gussie Miller married on September 10, 1930 in Polk, Florida³. They had three children, all born in Florida between 1931 and 1934.

While the family stayed in Florida, Frank Thomas Cowart travelled north around 1935 to the Bronx, New York. Between 1935-1940 he bought a house in Baychester, Bronx, New York at **2210 Wright Avenue**, and his family joined him, moving from Florida to New York.⁴

They stayed in Baychester less than 10 years, as he was living on Courtlandt Avenue, Bronx, NY in 1950. They moved back to Florida after 1950. **Frank Cowart** died in Hillsborough Florida, where he had been living, on February 21, 1985 at age 78. He was buried in Oakland Cemetery, Plant City, Hillsborough, Florida¹. His wife **Gussie Cowart** joined him 16 years later. She died on July 8, 2001 in Hillsborough, Florida⁵ and was buried with her husband Frank. They share a double gravestone, picture on FindaGrave.

THEIR CHILDREN

Their first-born child, **Thomas Cowart**, was born in Florida on July 27, 1931, lived in Baychester a few years, returned to Florida. On December 10, 1949 he married **Florene Annie Lane** in Polk County, Florida. His second wife was **Barbara Kempinski**, married in 1954 in Polk, Florida. His third wife was **Loretta Szotarski**, married in 1966 in New Jersey. **Thomas Cowart** died on

¹ Find A Grave Memorial# 64524248

² "United States Census, 1920," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MNBM-Q7S> : accessed 5 August 2018), Fred W Miller, Manatee, Manatee, Florida, United States; citing ED 118, sheet 2B, line 51, family 37, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 226; FHL microfilm 1,820,226.

³ "Florida Marriages, 1830-1993," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/23CL-299> : 7 December 2017), Frank Cowart and Gussie Miller, 10 Sep 1930; citing Marriage, Polk, Florida, United States, Liberty County Clerk of Courts, Florida; FHL microfilm 1,888,748.

⁴ "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/KQM8-FYT> : accessed 5 August 2018), Frank Cowart, Assembly District 6, Bronx, New York City, Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 3-788, sheet 5A, line 34, family 60, Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940, NARA digital publication T627. Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790 - 2007, RG 29. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2012, roll 2480.

⁵ Find A Grave Memorial# 64524294

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December 25, 1967, in Yardley, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, at age 36⁶. He was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Plant City, Hillsborough, Florida in a large family plot.⁷

Their second child, **Barbara Cowart**, lived in Baychester a few years, returned to Florida, married **Anthony Zaccaro**, and is alive and living in Florida with her family.

Their third child, **Walter Chester Cowart**, was born in Florida on January 2, 1934, lived in Baychester a few years, returned to Florida. He was first married to **Barbara Cowart**, and second to **Leah Grimaldi** and had several children. **Walter Cowart** died on August 22, 2011 in Florida.

⁶ "United States Social Security Death Index," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/V991-DM5> : 19 May 2014), Thomas Cowart, Dec 1967; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, Death Master File, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing).

⁷ Find A Grave Memorial# 28747055