

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Nicholas, William H. Senator _____
Represented Cerro Gordo County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10 Oct 1892 Bristow, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Viola Adkins 1 May 1921 Nashua, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business No established Turkey Unlimited in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa
in 1929; Iowa Bureau member

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Eastern Star; T.O.F.;
Relay Club; Elks Club; American Legion; Rotary; V.F.W.

C. Profession Turkey farmer; extensive livestock feeder

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 52nd General Assembly 1947

6. Public Offices

A. Local Butler County Recorder 1916-1924; Allion, Iowa School Board
member

B. State Lieutenant Governor of Iowa in 54th and 57th General Assemblies
1951-1953 and 1957-1959; member of Iowa State Highway Commission 4 years

C. National _____

7. Death 13 Aug 1984 Mason City, Iowa; buried

8. Children Idella (Mrs. Duke); William L.; Bonnie (Mrs.
Schick)

9. Names of parents William A. and Elizabeth (Hall) Nicholas

Nicholas, William H.

10. Education He graduated from the Bristol, Iowa High School

11. Degrees He attended State Teachers Institute, Cedar Falls, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He taught school in Butler County from 1910-1915.
- Military service - World War I - U. S. Navy
- He built the Mason City Hatchery in 1926. Later he operated seven others in the state of Iowa
- He pioneered all areas of the turkey business, producing the eggs, hatching the poults and processing.



William H. Nicholas
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Former lieutenant governor William Nicholas, 91, dies

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Aug. 15, 1984 at the United Methodist Church in Clear Lake for William H. Nicholas of Clear Lake. Mr. Nicholas, 91, died Monday, Aug. 13, 1984 at a Mason City hospital.

A Masonic service was held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday by the Variety Lodge 250.

Military honors will be provided by the Clear Lake VFW.

The Rev. James Louk will officiate at the service with Mary Jane Reynolds as organist and Paul Anderson as soloist.

The family suggests that memorials be given to the William H. Nicholas Memorial Fund.

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Mr. Nicholas was elected Butler County Recorder at age 24, the youngest county officer in the state of Iowa. He served eight years. He was re-elected to this office while serving in the United States Navy at Great Lakes. He was a member of the Allison School Board.

Mr. Nicholas had a distinguished record of service to the state of Iowa.

He served as a state representative in 1946-1948 and at the Special Session.

He was Lieutenant Governor of Iowa for two terms 1951-52 and 1957-58 and



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Governor Reagan in his Sacramento office.

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Interest in agriculture led to his involvement in the citrus business in Florida. He and Mrs. Nicholas spent their winters in Ft. Lauderdale and more recently in Vero Beach. They traveled around the world in 1955 and shared these experiences in more than 200 talks around the state.

He often represented his state at special events. He represented Iowa as Lieutenant Governor at the Rose Bowl in 1958 and later spent a day with



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William Nicholas was a member of the Clear Lake United Methodist Church, Senior Active Rotarian, Mason, Shriner, former Grand Patron of Eastern Star, the Republican Party, the American Legion and a Veteran of World War I. He wore many hats in his life as teacher, farmer, politician, but none was enjoyed by him any more than "Grandpa"-a respected man greatly loved by his grandchildren. He was devoted to his family, his friends and his state-Iowa.

Pallbearers were Mr. Nicholas' 11 grandchildren: Bill Nicholas, Steve Schick, Greg Nicholas, Edward W. Schick, Sarah Schick Klavas, Gary Dukes, Jeffrey Hall Nicholas, Dan Schick, Ken Dukes, Lori Dukes, and Mary Schick.

Honorary pallbearers were: Robert Pedelty, Dan Klempnauer, Floyd Kimball, Sterling Pushor, Jim Kennedy, Jack Dominic, Ralph Lindsey, Roger W. Jepsen, and Victor Meyer.

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 William NICHOLAS

Birth Date: 10 Oct 1892
Death Date: Aug 1984
Social Security Number: 482-44-3436
State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Iowa

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 50428
Localities: Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo, Iowa

Death Benefit Localities

Zip Code: 50428
Localities: Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo, Iowa

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