

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Smith Roy Jr. Senator _____
Represented Dickinson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 Sept 1889 Whiteside County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place
Missie Lepley 5 Sept 1911 Hardin County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business He was well known for his contribution to the development of the Globeji
Summer Theater.
B. Civic responsibilities Harmon Bureau; 4-H leader; member of the
Dickinson County Fair Board; Mason; Rotary; IOWA
C. Profession Dairy farmer; teacher

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 54th 55th 56th 59th 60th General Assemblies 1951 1953,

6. Public Offices 1955, 1961, 1963

A. Local Dickinson County Board of Supervisors
B. State President of the Iowa Dairy Council
C. National Member of the American Dairy Council

7. Death 27 July 1975 Spirit Lake, Iowa; buried Lakeview Cemetery, Spirit Lake, Iowa

8. Children Constance (Mrs. Zeller); Betty (Mrs. Baker)

9. Names of parents Thomas Jefferson and Thelma (Wallace) Smith

Smith, Roy J.

10. Education He attended schools in Hardin County, Iowa

11. Degrees He was a graduate of the Industrial College, Staff Course
of the Armed Forces

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was a twin and his twin brother and all his other brothers passed
him in death.
- The family later moved to Hardin County, Iowa.
- He taught school in Hardin County, Iowa.
- After marriage he and his wife moved to Dickinson County, Iowa.
- They farmed near Terril, Iowa until 1924 when they moved to Spirit Lake.
- Here they bought the Jersey Bell Farms which became famous as a
country restaurant and its Jersey cow herd.
- He was an honorary life member of the USAF Defense Team.

PARING FOR THE FAIR—Jackie Reeser of Spirit Lake was working on the final touches of her presentation for the show at this year's Dickinson County 4-H and FFA Fair. The show runs next Monday through Thursday, with the horse show at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Miss Reeser and Kathy Bilney,

also of Spirit Lake, were working their animals in the 90 degree heat Tuesday preparing for the show. Both girls have been working several hours each day for the last six weeks, and even that, they said, wasn't as much time as they would liked to have put into preparations.

Services Are Held For Roy J. Smith

Center

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has been determined he area's largest on center (Spencer) is g, "a full range of son commented, "I feel air recommendation at me. It is perfectly ory to me."

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ectors. entatives of the East Lake Improvement tion, Spirit Lake ve Association and the ervation Commission resent at the meeting.

A members, residents ke West Okoboji, and ers interested in ng and protecting West are urged to attend.

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Survivors include his wife, Flossie Morea; two daughters, Mrs. Coniston Elizabeth Zeller of Aldin, Minn., and Mrs. Betty Baker of Anaheim, Calif.; two grandsons, and six great grandchildren.

Casket bearers at the funeral were: Leo Happe, Louis Rank, Harper Seeman, Boyd Rehse, D. D. Osborne and Clarence Judd. Honorary bearers were: Jim Dolliver, Ralph Richards, Sen. Irvin Bergman, Ralph Tittle, K. B. Welty, Rev. Harold James and Dr. Donald F. Rodawig, Sr.

Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Tenold Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Motorcycle Driver Injured

A single vehicle motorcycle accident involving personal injury and a charge of O.M.-V.U.I. occurred last Saturday, July 26 at 8:00 p.m. on a paved Dickinson County road five miles West of Terril.

Operating the motorcycle was Donald Oral Cother Jr. of Spirit Lake. According to Dickinson

County Sheriff Department reports, Cother had been drinking prior to the incident and fell asleep while still driving.

Cother was injured when his motorcycle ran off the road and landed in an adjoining ditch. He was taken to Spencer Municipal Hospital with minor abrasions and bruises to the head.

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DALE M. COCHRAN, Speaker of the House

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STATE OF IOWA
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Allert G. Olson, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

ROLLIN HOWELL
LOWELL NORLAND
WILLIAM GRIFFEE
Committee

ROY J. SMITH

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Roy J. Smith, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Roy J. Smith was born September 28, 1889, in Whiteside County, Illinois, and attended school in Hardin County, Iowa. He later was a teacher in the Hardin County School District.

In 1911, he married Flossie M. Lepley, and was the father of two daughters, Coniston Zeller of Alden, Minnesota, and Betty Lou Baker of Anaheim, California.

He moved to Dickinson County in 1913, and was owner and operator of the Jersey Dell Farm. He was a member of the National Dairy Association and was past president of the Iowa Dairy Commission. He was active in 4-H Club work and helped establish the summer theater and summer school in the Lake Area. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Shrine, Rotary, and the Methodist Church.

A Republican, Mr. Smith served as representative from Dickinson County during the Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth, Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth General Assemblies.

Mr. Smith passed away on July 27, 1975, at the Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. Services were held at the United Methodist Church with burial at the Lake View Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Flossie; two daughters, Mrs. Coniston Zeller of Alden, Minnesota, and Mrs. Betty Baker of Anaheim, California; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the late Honorable Roy J. Smith, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

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INGWER L. HANSEN
LESTER D. MENKE
DON W. SPENCER
Committee

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 Whiteside County
 Illinois, USA
Death: Jul. 26, 1975
 Spirit Lake
 Dickinson County
 Iowa, USA

Parents are Thomas Smith & Hattie

Husband of [Flossie M Lepley](#)

 Obituary from the Spirit Lake Beacon 7-31-1975

Burial:
[Lakeview Cemetery](#)
 Spirit Lake
 Dickinson County
 Iowa, USA
 Plot: 1-041-1

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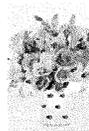
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- **Deborah Wall**

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 Roy SMITH

Birth Date: 23 Sep 1889
Death Date: Jul 1975
Social Security Number: 480-28-8754
State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Iowa

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 51360
Localities: Crandalls Lodge, Dickinson, Iowa
Egralharve, Dickinson, Iowa
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