

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wey, Thomas J. Senator Wey, Thomas J.
Represented Pottawattamie County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 5 Feb 1901 Oplington, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Widow

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of the Iowa Press Association; served 10 years on
the Iowa State Board of the American Cancer Society

B. Civic responsibilities Eagles; Commercial Club; American
Legion

C. Profession Editor and publisher of The Neola Gazette Reporter
Neola, Iowa; The Mardin Shelby News, Mardin, Iowa and former
publisher of The Evening Echo, Earlville, Iowa

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th General Assemblies 1951, 1953, 1955, 1957 - House of

6. Public Offices Representatives
62nd, 63rd General Assemblies 1967, 1969-1970 - Senate

A. Local

B. State

C. National

7. Death 12 Jul 1973 Neola, Iowa; buried Neola Cemetery, Neola, Iowa

8. Children Thomas; Robert; William; Patricia (Mrs. Goodwin);
Janice (Mrs. Lass)

9. Names of parents John

Frey, Thomas S.

10. Education Graduate of Buffalo Center, Iowa
High School

11. Degrees Graduate of the Waterloo Business College; graduate
of the Minneapolis School of Journalism and Advertising

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He lived in Neola, Iowa from 1945 until death.
- He was raised on a farm near Buffalo Center, Iowa
- He first worked on The Peoria Illinois Journal Transcript,
Memphis, Nebraska Tribune and The Carroll Iowa Daily Times
- Military service - World War II - U. S. Navy
- He purchased The Neola Gazette Reporter newspaper in 1945
and then later acquired The Mendon-Shelby News

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Services Held July 16 For Publisher T. J. "Tom" Frey

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County School system
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year course through
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Auxiliary
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Legion Auxiliary
afternoon for a pot
the Neola Legion
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Two guests, Mrs.
and Mrs. Sophia
Berger
will be at
conventions held
this week where
C. W. Baugh will be in-
act President.



Funeral services were held for T. J. "Tom" Frey, 72, Monday, July 16 at the Neola Presbyterian Church. Rev. Doyle Brewington officiated.

He was editor and publisher of the Neola Gazette-Reporter and Minden-Shelby News, and former publisher of the Earling Echo.

Frey, longtime Republican legislator from Pottawattamie County, was born at Aplington and passed away last Thursday evening of an apparent heart attack at his Neola home. He had been a resident of Neola since 1945.

He was reared on a farm near Buffalo Center where he graduated from high school. He was also a graduate of the Waterloo Business College and the Minneap-

olis School of Journalism and Advertising. Frey had served four consecutive terms as State Representative, from 1951 to 1959 and one term as State Senator from 1966-1970.

During his legislative career he had been a leading advocate of liquor by the drink and supported annual sessions of the legislature, increases in old age assistance, scrutiny of welfare costs, limits on state taxes and concept of area correctional centers.

He gained experience as a newspaperman by working on the Peoria, Illinois Journal Transcript, Fremont, Nebraska, Tribune and Carroll Daily Times.

A veteran of World War II, he

served three years in the Navy, from 1942-45 including 19 months in Cuba.

He purchased the Neola Gazette-Reporter in 1945, and then acquired and consolidated the Minden-Shelby News.

Active in Neola Community affairs, he supported the formation of Arrowhead Park, the Neola Medical Clinic, swimming pool and baseball programs and helped found the annual Hoo-Doo Days celebration.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Neola, Eagles Club and Farm Bureau, past president of the Neola Commercial Club and former Commander of the Neola American Legion Post 330, Pottawattamie County Legion and 7th District Legion.

He was also a member of the 40 & 8 in Council Bluffs, a Knight of Ak-Sar-Ben, member of the Iowa Press Association and served 10 years on the Iowa State Board of The American Cancer Society.

Survivors include his widow, Helen; three sons, Tom of Greenfield, Wisc., Robert of Houston, Texas and William of Neola; two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Goodwin of Roseville, Minnesota and Mrs. Janice Lass of Clinton, Iowa; two grandchildren; step-mother, Mrs. John Frey of Waterloo.

Two sisters, Mrs. Deane Jungens of Buffalo Center and Mrs. Jennie Hartzell of St. Petersburg, Florida, two half sisters, Miss Sophie Frey of Waterloo and Mrs. Grace Poley of Ackley; brother Harry Frey of Chicago and two half brothers, Harm Frey of Fulton, So. Dakota and Carl Frey of Rockwell. All came for the funeral except Mrs. Poley who was unable to attend because of illness.

Pallbearers were Robert Morrissey, Dan Welbourne, Phil Floerchinger, Arlen Barrier, Darrell Boyer and Traverse Hall.

Interment with military graveside services was in the Neola cemetery. Meyer Funeral Home was in charge.