

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Richard, Curtis Lydford Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Hancock County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 Dec 1914 near American, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

M. Florine Mc Dermott 23 Feb 1943 Omaha, Nebraska

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of Hancock County Bar Association for over 50 years; attorney  
for towns of Garner and Kanawha, Iowa; member of the Iowa Bee Association

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; American Legion; V.F.W.;  
Rotary; Chamber of Commerce; Shriner; Boy Scouts

C. Profession Attorney; realtor; farm operator; Hancock County  
Attorney; teacher; construction worker

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 56<sup>th</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1955, 1957

6. Public Offices

A. Local Hancock County attorney several terms; Garner town clerk;  
Hancock County Republican Chairman

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 24 Aug 1998 Geneva, Iowa; buried Concord Township Cemetery, Geneva, Iowa

8. Children Phyllis (Mrs Randall Bor Harding); Charles;  
Carol (Dennis Bertelson)

9. Names of parents Mr William and Jennie Liberty (Marcell) Richm

Aiehm, Curtis Godfrey

10. Education Attended grade school in Hancock County, Iowa  
and graduated from Britt Iowa High School in  
1934

11. Degrees B.A. and J.D. degrees from University of Iowa, Iowa City,  
Iowa 1936-1942

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He farmed and taught school before attending college
- Military service - World War II - U. S. Army, attained rank  
of Captain of the Engineers Corps, later served in Army Reserve
- He began practicing law in 1946 in Garner, Iowa
- Along with his law practice he bought and sold real estate  
until his death.



# Obituaries



**Curtis G. Riehm**  
1914-1998

Services for Curtis G. Riehm, 83, of Garner, who died Monday, Aug. 24, 1998, at his home, will be held Thursday, Aug. 27, 10:30 a.m., at the United Methodist Church in Garner with Rev. Kay Hooper officiating.

Music will be provided by organist, Mary Kopacek, who will accompany soloist, Bill Renner, and a congregational hymn. Ushers will be Marvin Schoneman and Maynard Schoneman.

Honorary casket bearers will be J.C. "Swede" Blackburn, and the Bar Association.

Active bearers will be Ted Hovda, Bob Riehm, Burke Haberkamp, Dean Bertilson, Harold Eisenman and Robert Hestad.

Burial will be at Concord Township Cemetery, Garner, with graveside military rites by the Garner Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Aug. 26, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Cataldo Funeral Chapel, 160 East 4th Street. A Masonic service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Curtis Godfrey Riehm, the son of Fred William and Jennie Liberty (Manuel) Riehm, was born December 23, 1914, on a farm south of Duncan. He attended grade school in Hancock County and graduated from Britt High School in 1934. He farmed and taught country school before attending the University of Iowa from 1936 to 1942 where he received his B.A. and J.D. degrees.

May 28, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army and served four years both as an enlisted man and an officer. He

saw service in both Africa and in the Pacific. He was discharged as a Captain of the Engineer Corp in 1946. Following active duty, Curtis served seven years in the Army Reserve and was the first commanding officer of the Reserve Unit in Garner which he was instrumental in building.

February 23, 1943, he married M. Florine McDermott at Omaha, NE. To this union three children were born, Beverly, Charles and Carol. He began practicing law in 1946 in Garner with his wife, Florine, as secretary.

Shortly after his arrival in Garner, he was elected county attorney and served for several terms. He also served as Garner's Town Clerk. In 1953, he ran for State Representative of Hancock County and was elected. He served from 1954 to 1958. He was the Hancock County Republican County Chairman from 1959 to 1969 and was a Republican candidate for Congress from the Iowa Sixth District. Curtis then concentrated on his law practice and buying and selling real estate until his death.

He promoted the Fourth of July celebration and during the Korean Conflict he started the Veteran's Day program. He was instrumental in the construction of the Veteran's Memorial Building of which he served as chairman of the Commission. He also created the Henschen Scholarship Fund with Bill Henschen.

His hobbies included

hunting, traveling and visiting with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, where he served on several committees; the Masonic Lodge of which he was a 32nd Degree Mason; American Legion Gifford Olson Post #256 for over 50 years; Garner V.F.W. Post for over 50 years; Hancock County Bar Association for over 50 years; Iowa Bar Association since 1942; Rotary Club where he was a Paul Harris Fellow and past president; Garner Chamber of Commerce; and the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine in Des Moines.

In addition, Curtis had been for many years a member of the Winnebago Council Boy Scouts of America serving as President and Vice President of the Council and was a recipient of the Silver Beaver award presented by the Council.

He is survived by his wife, M. Florine Riehm of Garner; three children, Beverly Riehm and her husband, Randall Borchherding of San Francisco, CA, Charles Riehm and his wife, Sarah of Richardson, TX, and Carol Bertilson and her husband, Dennis of Fithian, IL; grandchildren, Brayden Borchherding, Andrew, Amanda and Jennifer Riehm and Melanie and Amy Bertilson; a sister, Bernice Eisenman of Britt; a sister-in-law, Bessie Riehm of Garner; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and four brothers, Paul, Fred, Harold and James Riehm.



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**KLEMME CHURCH**

Thursday, Aug. 27  
S/PR Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, August 30  
Worship, 9:30 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.  
Meeting for Confirmands and Families, 3 p.m.

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Sunday, August 30  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

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Christian Women**

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September 1975, they returned to Iowa and lived at Prairie View Apartments in Garner. Herold suffered more strokes and was confined to a wheel chair. He passed away on August 13, 1984, with burial at Ell Township Cemetery, Klemme. Mable currently resides at Prairie View Apartments, Garner.

She enjoys helping others and collecting anything pertaining to her favorite pets, which are cats.

by Mabel Ridder

## RIEHM - MANUEL

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Jacob Frederick Riehm was born November 1, 1831, to Johann George and Eva Catharine Riehm in Schafhausen, Germany. He was a farmer near Stuttgart and got into trouble with the authorities when he pulled a nobleman off his horse and roughed him up. A group of men were hunting fox and riding across his wheat fields. Jacob left everything behind that night and made his way to America by sailboat. By the time they reached America, they were out of food except for rice. He never would eat rice afterward. Jacob Riehm married Agnes Margaretta Ergenzinger of Berbelingen, Germany in New York in 1854.

From Utica, New York they went to Green Bay, Wisconsin by covered wagon. Later they moved to Marble Rock, Iowa. About 1888 the family settled in the Hayfield area. There were seven (7) children born in this family: Christian Godfrey, George, Anna Marie, Jacob Frederick, T. Robert, Gottlieb, Catharine Barbara.

1. Christian Godfrey married Loretta Ann Crumb of Marble Rock. Children of this family were Fred William, Leslie and Lydia.

2. George Riehm's children were Lola, Leonora, O.K. and Ross.

3. Anna Marie married Van Roten and they moved to Montana.

4. Jacob Frederick moved to Washington State.

5. T. Robert married Myrtle Travelute. Their child was Iris (Fleenor). Bob Riehm was Sheriff of Hancock County, custodian of the County Home and farmed east of Hayfield.

6. Gottlieb married Sarah Brockey. Their children were Pearl (Brozik), Clifford, and Kate (DeWilde).

7. Catharine Barbara married George Ritter, and they were parents of Rolland, Ella Mae and Blanche.

George Henry Boutilier was born June 26, 1816 at Sidney, Cape Breton (Nova Scotia), a descendant of a French noble family that had fled to Nova Scotia. He married Maria Susiana Bown of Cape Breton. Delia Sibellia, who later married James Manuel was one of their daughters. She was born January 21, 1854, in Nova Scotia.

James Lincoln Manuel was born in Lands End, England, on March 31, 1851. He worked as a coal miner in Pennsylvania and after their marriage, they came to Iowa. In 1881 they homesteaded about 4 miles west of Garner on Highway 18. In 1904 they moved to Britt, Iowa. To this union were born ten (10) children: Thomas, Florence, Henry, Albert, Jennie Liberty, Edith, Delia, Effie, Susan and James.

Jennie Liberty Manuel married Fred William Riehm in 1907 in Britt. They farmed south of Duncan and later north of Eagle Lake. Fred died in 1922 leaving Jennie to raise the

family of 6 on the farm. These six (6) children are:

Paul Riehm, who lived in Britt, was a contractor and had 4 children: Patricia, Robert, Marvel and Charlene.

Fred Riehm, who lived at Duncan, was a farmer and had 4 children: Ruth Mary, Frederick, Thomas and Jeannine.

Harold Riehm, who lived at New Albin, Iowa, had three (3) children: Timothy, Terry and Thomas.

Bernice Riehm (Eisenman), who lives at Britt, is a farmer's wife and has two (2) children: Cynthia and Harold.

Curtis G. Riehm who lives at Garner, Iowa, is a lawyer and has three (3) children: Beverly, Charles and Carol.

James Riehm, who lived at Eldon, Iowa, was a contractor and farmer. He had three children: James, Jennie and Ronald.

by Curtis G. Riehm

## RIEMER, BEN AND MATTIE (GATES)

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Ben and Mattie (Riemer) Daughter - Lois (center)

Albert Benjamin Riemer was born Feb. 14, 1899 on the family farm, Sec. 4, Liberty Twp., Hancock Co., IA., the son of Albert and Augusta (Bredlow) Riemer. He attended Liberty #2 rural school.

Mattie Mildred Gates was born Oct. 1, 1900, in Ell Twp. Sec. 4, the daughter of Fred and Cecelia (Nesbit) Gates. She attended Ell #3, Liberty #5 and Avery #3 rural schools, and graduated from Klemme High School (10th grade). She taught Liberty #2 rural school.

On Feb. 10, 1921 Ben and Mattie were married at her parent's home in Ingram, WI. They were married at a double wedding, Mattie's twin sister, Hattie married Ben Ridder. They came back to Iowa by train and began farming the Riemer family farm where Ben had lived all his life.

In 1946 they moved to Garner, and their daughter and only child, Lois Alva, and her husband, George Kern, took over the family farm. Lois was born Aug 24, 1922 and George was born Feb. 20, 1918. Lois passed way quite suddenly April 5, 1968, leaving her husband and four children. George later married Rita Brcka, and he passed away Nov. 11, 1980.

After moving to Garner, Ben drove bus for Garner-Hayfield School District, worked for the ASCS and was the substitute Star Route Mail truck driver. Mattie was a cook at the Grill and Nesbit Cafes in Garner and worked at the R-Motel for ten years. She belongs to a

group of ladies who do quilting at the United Methodist Church in Garner to raise funds for church mission projects. They were members of the Liberty Methodist Church and now are members at the United Methodist Church in Garner. Ben and Mattie have four grandchildren:

1. Mary Kay Janusik, divorced, b. Oct. 24, 1946. She has four children: Troy Scott, b. Mar. 9, 1971; Steven Mark, b. Oct 25, 1972; Kristy Jean, b. Oct. 1, 1975; and Jason Adam, b. mar. 11, 1980; 2. Patricia Ann, b. Aug. 2, 1949; 3. Robert George, b. July 1, 1952; and 4. Bonnie Lynne, b. July 28, 1954, has a daughter, Jessica Lynne, b. Jan 17, 1980.

by Ruth (Mrs Loren) Gast

## RIGGS, PAUL AND ANN (JOSTEN)

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Ann Elizabeth Josten was born October 14, 1948, in Des Moines, Iowa, the second child and only daughter of Earl and Faye (Lee) Josten. Ann was graduated from Columbus Community High School, Columbus Junction, in 1966; Iowa State University, Ames, in 1971; and Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville, Missouri, in 1980. On July 25, 1981, she married Paul Allan Riggs in Fairfield, Iowa.

Paul and Ann live in Ottumwa, Iowa, with their two children, Kathryn Ann ("Katy"), born January 20, 1983, and Scott Allan, born December 22, 1984. Paul is a physical therapist at Ottumwa Regional Health Center. Ann taught English, speech, and later, special education at Eddyville and Pekin of Packwood, Iowa.

by Ann Riggs

## RISTAU, DONALD AND SARA (TRCA)

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Donald Eugene Ristau was born near Garner, Iowa on August 10, 1941, the son of Vernon Conrad and Ruth Augusta (Geilerfeldt) Ristau. He attended the Thornton schools graduating in May 1960. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1960 and served until 1964. He took his basic training at San Antonio, Texas, and served at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi and Bunker Hill Air Force Base in Indiana.

Sara Ann Trca was born on September 1, 1956 at Hancock County Memorial Hospital in Britt, Iowa, the daughter of Dennis and Rose (Schaefer) Trca. She attended Britt school starting kindergarten in 1961. She moved with her parents to Garner in her junior year (1973) and graduated from Garner-Hayfield High School in 1974.

Don and Sara were married May 24, 1985 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Garner. Don is a member of St. Paul's and Sara is a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church Garner.

They are the parents of nine children: Robert Lee Ristau, born December 19, 1968; Ronald Eugene Ristau, born February 1, 1968.

Roger Conrad Ristau, born November 2

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**Social Security Number:** 483-10-7532  
**State or Territory Where Number Was Issued:** Iowa

**Death Residence Localities**

**ZIP Code:** 50438  
**Localities:** Garner, Hancock, Iowa  
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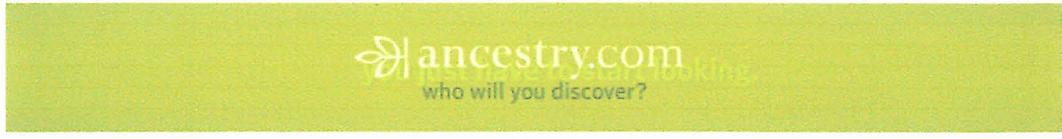
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Added by: Jeanne Kros

Son of Fred and Jennie Manuel Riehm.  
Married to Florine McDermott 23 Feb 1943 in Omaha, Nebraska.  
Children - Beverly, Charles and Carol

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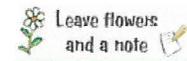
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Love to my "magical" Uncle Curtis.  
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Florine & Curtis Riehm - September 1993 in Omaha, Nebraska (Florine's sisters 50th Anniversary party)

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