

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Shuff, David O Senator Shuff, David O.
Represented Clinton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 18 Feb 1924 Clinton, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Lissi Peterson Conrath Oct 1953

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was president of the Clinton Public Library

B. Civic responsibilities Clinton, ICAO board member; Rotary; Lions Club;
Elks Lodge

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 55th General Assembly 1963 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st General Assemblies 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961,
1963, 1965 - Senate

A. Local

B. State Member of the Iowa Highway Commission; served on the Board of the Iowa
State Bar Association; Board of Pardoners

C. National Delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1968

7. Death 14 Sept 2011 Bettendorf, Iowa; buried Sheffton Cemetery, Clinton County, Iowa

8. Children Karen (Mrs Steven Jensen); J. O.; Martha (Mrs
Thomas Lizza); Grace

9. Names of parents John (Astrander) and Evelyn Lillis (Parcell) Shuff

10. Education He was educated in rural schools of Clinton County, graduated from Clinton Area High School, 1942
attended Dodson grade school.

11. Degrees Graduate of the University of Iowa in Liberal Arts B.A.;
J.D. degree also from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - World War II - U. S. Air Force in the China, Burma and Indian theaters
- He practiced law in the firm of Shuff and Jarnold
- His father, John Ostrander ^{Shuff}, was also in the Iowa Legislature as well as brother, Roger J. Shuff.
- He was raised on the family farm in Shopton, Iowa
- He began practicing law in Clinton, Iowa in 1950
- He led significant projects that benefitted Clinton - Glen Erickson Center, riverfront bike path, tennis facilities, outdoor swimming pool
- He retired from practicing law in 1996.

DAVID O. SHAFF
Bettendorf



David O. Shaff, 87, died in Bettendorf, IA September 14, 2011.

Born in Clinton, Iowa on February 18, 1924 to J. O. and Evelyn Lillie Purcell Shaff, he was raised on the family farm in Shaffton, Iowa and attended Sodas grade school. He graduated from Clinton High School in 1942 where he was President of the student body.

Shaff was a military veteran who served in the U. S. Army-Air Corp during World War II in North Africa and Calcutta, India. He continued to serve in the reserves for several years following his honorable discharge from active duty.

On his return to the states in December of 1945, he enrolled at the University of Iowa where he received his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate degrees. In 1950 he began practicing law in Clinton. In 1952, Shaff began his political career, successfully running for the Iowa State House of Representatives. Subsequently, he ran for and was elected to three terms in the Iowa State Senate, retiring in 1966. In 1963, he campaigned state-wide in support of a reapportionment plan which became known as the "Shaff Plan" and, while endorsed by groups like the League of Women Voters, it was opposed by the Des Moines Register and was defeated.

Shaff stayed active in politics and public service, serving as a delegate to the 1968 Republican National Convention and a member of the Iowa Highway Commission. He served on the Iowa State Bar Association Board of Governors and numerous bar association committees.

He served on the board of the Clinton YMCA, Clinton Rotary Club of which he was a Paul Harris Fellow, Jane Lamb Hospital where he was President, Clinton Public Library and the Armstrong-Curtis Foundation. He was also a member of the former Clinton Elks and Lions clubs.

Shaff led significant projects that benefitted the Clinton community, including the Helen Erickson Center, the riverfront bike path and numerous tennis facilities. He co-chaired the committee that brought Clinton a state-of-the-art outdoor swimming facility. He continued until recently to advocate for a new public library in Clinton.

Shaff retired from the practice of law in 1996.

In October of 1953, he married Lissi Petersen Cornell in Clinton, Iowa. They have four children, Karen (Steve Jayne) of Des Moines, J.O. of Bettendorf, IA, Martha (Tom) Licea of Le Claire, IA and Grace of Chicago, IL.

He is survived by: his wife; children; two grandchildren, Madeline and Chase Licea; a sister Jeanne Keiley of Fullerton, CA; two brothers, J. M. Shaff of Bettendorf, IA and James H. Shaff of Cedar Rapids, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings, Roger Shaff, Martin Purcell, Donald Purcell and Lynn Turner.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church in Clinton, Iowa at 11 a.m. The family will meet guests at 10 a.m. at the church in Calvin Hall. He will be interred in the Shaffton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Clinton Public Library or the Iowa State Bar Foundation.

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