

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Edelen,

Walter Edward - Represented Cerro Gordo, Franklin and Hancock  
Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Sept 1911 Brooklyn, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mildred Rinnow 6 Jan 1935 Grinnell, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a farmer for 18 years

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Rotary; Chamber of Commerce;

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 58<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1959

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State Iowa Liquor Commission member 1963-1969

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

7. Death 18 Nov 1991 Mason City, Iowa; buried Concord Township, Concord, Iowa

8. Children Barbara (Mrs. Francis Zrostlik); Patricia (Mrs. Rindy  
Judge); Charles; Iowa

9. Names of parents Charles Howard and Nora Belle (Jerny) Edelen

10. Education Educated in public schools of Hartwig Iowa  
and Brooklyn, Iowa, graduating from Brooklyn  
High School in 1931

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He worked in grocery stores in Brooklyn, Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
Moore and in 1934 he was made manager of the Ad P  
Grocery Store in Omaha, Nebraska.
- He and his wife lived in Omaha until 1937 and then moved to  
West Dodge, Iowa. In 1939 they moved to Garner, Iowa  
where they owned and operated Edelin's Food Market until  
1958 when he sold it to Harlan Johnson.
- In 1970 he started the Edelin real estate agency which he operated  
until 1976



# obituaries

## Walter Edelen 1911-1991

Services for Walter Edelen, 80, Garner, who died Monday, Nov. 18, 1991 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Mason City will be held 11 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 21 at the United Presbyterian Church in Garner with Rev. Robert T. Ellis officiating.

Lucile Wesson, pianist, and Duane Cummings, organist, will accompany Tom Pronk, soloist. Ushers will be Alvin Schroeder and Eldon Pearson.

Honorary casket bearers will be Walter's grandchildren, David Zrostlik, Susan Zrostlik, Bradley Judge, Douglas Judge, Jeffrey Edelen, Christine Garman and Thomas Edelen.

Active bearers will be James Reinig, Harlan Johnson, Daryl Upmeyer, Gordon Pringnitz, Dr. R.J. Ryan, B.C. Berge, Vern Butz and Clarke Pollock.

Burial will be at Concord Township Cemetery, Garner. Visitation will be after 1 p.m., Wednesday at the Cataldo Funeral Chapel in Garner.

Walter Edward Edelen, the son of Charles Howard and Nora Belle (Forney) Edelen, was born September 9, 1911 at Brooklyn. He attended school at Hartwig and Brooklyn, graduating from Brooklyn High School in 1931. He worked in grocery stores in Brooklyn, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines and in 1934, was made manager of the A & P Grocery Store in Omaha.

January 6, 1935, he married Mildred Rinnan at Grinnell. They lived in Omaha, NE until 1937, when they moved to Fort Dodge. In 1939, they moved to Garner where they owned and

operated Edelen's Food Market until 1958 when it was sold to Harlan Johnson. Walter was a Senator for the State of Iowa from 1958 to 1960. He served on the Iowa Liquor Commission from 1963 until 1969 and was chairman for the last two years. In 1970, he started Edelen Real Estate Agency which he operated until 1976. He enjoyed farming, fishing, gardening and especially his family. In the interest of conservation he planted a variety of trees on his farm.

He was a member of the United Presbyterian church where he had served as an Elder and Trustee. He was a member of the Garner Masonic Lodge and was a Garner Fireman for 18 years. He had served on the board for Prairie View Apartments and had belonged to the Garner Rotary club and the Garner Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Edelen of Garner; his children, Mrs. Barbara Zrostlik and her husband, Francis of Clear Lake, Mrs. Patricia Judge and her husband, Randy of Dubuque, and Charles Edelen and his wife, Marian of Shoreview, MN; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Wallace Edelen of Brooklyn and Rollin Edelen of Estherville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Harry Edelen and John Edelen; and two sisters, Mrs. Lelyse Wilson and Mrs. Lois Otterstedt.

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