

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Steenbuser, Peter Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Shelby County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 31 Dec 1903 Shelby County, Iowa at Irwin, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Mildred Humphreys 30 Aug 1931 Shelby County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Irwin; government weather observer

C. Profession Hardware store merchant; farmer

4. Church membership Church of Christ

5. Sessions served 57<sup>th</sup>, 58<sup>th</sup>, 59<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1957, 1959, 1961

6. Public Offices

A. Local Irwin school board member; Irwin town councilman;

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

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

7. Death 6 Nov 1975 Harlan, Iowa; Laurel Oak Hill Cemetery, Irwin, Iowa

8. Children Peter, Jr.; Sally (Mrs Bailey)

9. Names of parents Peter and Emma (Boldt) Steenbuser

10. Education He was educated in the Senior Iowa schools and  
graduating from Iowa High School

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

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He was the semi-retired owner and operator of the Steenhusen  
Hardware Store at Senior, Iowa which was founded by his  
father in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- He also operated a farm in Crawford County, Iowa
- He began his business career as a boy in the hardware store established  
by his father. Later his son, Peter Jr. joined in the hardware, feed  
and seed, furniture and appliance business at Senior
- While he was in the Legislature, his wife served as his clerk.



# Deaths



PETER STEENHUSEN

## Peter Steenhusen

IRWIN — Funeral services for a former state representative and an Irwin hardware store owner, Peter Steenhusen, Sr., 71, who died Thursday, Nov. 6 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, were Saturday morning at the Church of Christ in Irwin, with burial at the Oak Hill Cemetery.

He was the semi-retired owner and operator of the Steenhusen Hardware Store here, founded by his father in the Nineteenth Century.

Steenhusen represented Shelby County as Democratic representative for three terms about 15 years ago.

He had served on the Irwin school board, town council and as chairman of the board of the Irwin Church of Christ. He had also operated a farm in Crawford County.

Survivors include his wife: Mildred; one son: Peter, Jr., of Irwin; one daughter: Sally Bailey of New York City; one brother: John of Irwin; five sisters: Mary Welch of Irwin; Mrs Walter (Dora) Andersen of Harlan, Mrs Edgar (Laura) Mellor of Denver, Colo., Mrs Gustav (Irena) Fossell of Holstein, Ia., and Mrs Lester (Edith) Frees of Lakefield, Minn.

Memorials can be made to the Nebraska Christian College at Norfolk, Nebr.

## 'Ancel' Croft, 77

Funeral services for a former Shelby County resident, Nathan 'Ancel' Croft, 77, who died Thursday, Nov. 6, at a nursing home in Longmont, Colo., were Saturday afternoon at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, with burial at the Rose Hill Cemetery, Kirkman.

He is survived by one son: Richard of Longmont, Colo., one brother: Miles 'Pete' Croft of Harlan; one sister: Mrs Lawrence (Ardyce) Rushenberg of Omaha and two grandchildren.

Where did the ambulance go?

TUES., NOV. 4

1:30 p.m. — Iva Sorensen, from Myrtue Memorial Hospital (MMH), Harlan, to Baptist Memorial Home, Harlan.

2:05 p.m. — Ann D'Arcy, Harlan, Shelby County Landfill north of Harlan, to MMH, accident injuries.

WED., NOV. 5

10:03 a.m. — Aaron Wolf, Harlan, from MMH to University Hospitals, Omaha, illness.

1:30 p.m. — Bulah Stowe, from her home at 508 Stowe Ct., Harlan, to MMH, injuries from fall.

## Dunlap farmer killed Wed. in tractor accident

Funeral services for a rural Dunlap farmer, Richard P. Anderson, 30, who was killed Wednesday evening, Nov. 5, when his tractor went off a paved Harrison county road two miles south of Dunlap were Saturday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Dunlap, with burial at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Norma Kroman, Kimballton  
Ruth Burgin, Elk Horn  
Mrs Randall Mahlberg, Earling  
Deborah, dgtr. of Richard Lein  
Portsmouth  
Maxine Hansen, Harlan  
Iva Sorenson, Harlan  
Mrs Dennis Larsen and bal  
Harlan  
Mrs Robert Jensen, Harlan  
Joseph Strietbeck, Avoca  
Jennifer, dgtr. of Heidi Bramma  
Avoca  
Mrs Alfred Skalla, Portsmouth  
Mrs Elmer Schneider, Harlan  
Millie Christensen, Harlan  
Betty Havick, Harlan  
Mrs Francis Heese, Earling  
Mrs William Ingwers, Harlan  
Mrs Roger Fawcett and bal  
Harlan  
Edia Marsh, Harlan  
Mrs Jack Carmichael, Harlan

### THREE BIRTHS

Girl, to Mr and Mrs D Finken, Earling, Nov. 5.  
Boy, to Mr and Mrs D Powell, Harlan, Nov. 6.  
Girl, to Mr and Mrs Wilwerding, Earling, Nov. 6.

### TWO DEATHS

Peter Steenhusen, 71, Irwin, Nov. 5.  
Baby girl, daughter of Mr Mrs Duane Finken, Earling, N.

## Truck trailer breaks loose; Audubon youth hits it & dies

A rural Audubon youth, Edward Schlichte (Robert) died Nov. 1 in an O hospital of injuries sustained when his auto crashed in overturned truck trailer Friday night, Oct. 31.

Iowa highway patrolman Darrell Keast described Friday night accident as follows:

A double trailer driven by Franklin T. Thomsen, 41, of Jefferson was broken in two about six miles north of Audubon on U.S. 71.

The second trailer became unhitched as the southbound truck traveled down a hill. The air hoses kept the trailer connected for about a half mile. The trucker told authorities that the trailer rolled back, crossed the highway and overturned.

In going up the next hill, the weight of the errant trailer caused it to break loose. The tractor first rolled into

Erin Finken infant



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for himself in the Farm and Home Store (Itco) in Irwin. George works for Jacobs Tool Company in Harlan and also farms his father's farm - the old Boldt Farm.

John Lewis married Mary Jane Nielsen June 1, 1954. They have a daughter, Jane Louise born Aug. 1, 1956, and a son Paul John born Sept. 12, 1959. George married Patricia Wiley of Lakefield, Minn. They have a daughter Shelli born Oct. 28, 1958, and a son Scott born Dec. 19, 1962.

John has been president of Farmers Savings Bank, Irwin, many years, a member of Masonic Lodge for 50 years and served as Master of Lodge several years. John has been on Fire Department, board of government housing project, town council, school board and is a charter member of Irwin American Legion (53 years) having held various offices. Alma has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 51 years. Both are members of Keenagers where John serves as treasurer. They and their families are active members of the Church of Christ.



**Peter Steenhusen, Sr.**

A life-long resident of Irwin, Peter was born Dec. 31, 1903, youngest son of Peter and Emma Boldt Steenhusen. Graduating from Irwin School, he began his business career as a boy in the hardware store established in 1888 by his father, a German immigrant and financier. On Aug. 30, 1931 he married Mildred Humphreys of rural Irwin. Eldest daughter of Daniel W. Humphreys and Viola Jacobs Humphreys, Mildred was born July 21, 1913 and graduated from Irwin School. They live in the same Eve St. home which Mildred designed at age 17. Their two children are Peter, Jr. (born May 22, 1932) who acquired ownership of the family business in 1967 and Sally (born June 26, 1935), a musician. They have four grandchildren.

From 1957-1962 Peter was Shelby County Representative to the Iowa State Legislature. Mildred was her husband's clerk. During this time she was chairman of the Iowa Legislative Ladies League 50th Anniversary Tea in 1959 and Iowa Pioneer Lawmaker's Luncheon in 1961. Both

continue to serve their community faithfully. Through the years Peter has been a fireman, school board member, town councilman and Government weather observer for more than 20 years. Mildred initiated the Red Cross Blood-mobile program in Irwin and served as its chairman several years in its infancy, and also as former chairman of the USO. They are active members of the Church of Christ. Peter is an elder and board member, having been chairman for many years. Mildred has served as president of the Ladies Missionary Society and as a former Sunday School teacher. Both continue to sing in the choir. Their home has been the center of their interest which they have shared with others in hosting many family and social occasions.



**Peter Steenhusen, Jr.**

"School Day Sweethearts Marry" could have been the caption for the article giving the announcement of the June 10, 1953 wedding of Patricia Lou Ferry and Peter Steenhusen, Jr. of Irwin. Their courtship began when Patricia was a 7th grade student in Polk #2 rural school and Peter used to ride his motor scooter to visit her.

Of German and Danish ancestry, Patricia was born March 20, 1934 to Ruby (Petersen) and Ray L. Ferry, the third in a family of four children. Her sister and brothers are: Betty (Mrs. Donald Zemanek), Donald, and Richard. Peter is of German and Welsh ancestry and was born May 22, 1932 to Mildred (Humphreys) and Peter Steenhusen. He has a younger sister, Sally.

Patricia and Peter completed high school at Irwin Consolidated. Upon graduation, Peter enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served four years as a gunner's mate. Following Patricia's graduation, the couple was married and made their first home in Norfolk, Virginia where Peter was stationed.

Upon completion of military duty, they returned to the Irwin vicinity and purchased their Eve Street home in 1956. Peter became associated in the family business, Steenhusen Hardware, Feed and Seed, established in 1888 by his German immigrant grandfather, the late Peter Steenhusen, and he acquired ownership in 1967 from his father.

Patricia and Peter are parents of three children: Kirk Douglas, born January 21, 1955; Lori Rae, born January 11, 1958; and Lana Sue, born June 21, 1963.

The family are active members of the Irwin Church of Christ where Peter serves as deacon and board member and Patricia is librarian of the Sunday school and a teacher. During the academic year, Patricia works part-time in the kitchen of Irwin Community School. The unusual draws their attention, especially in antiques which they mutually enjoy collecting and restoring. Summer weekends bring them pleasure at Lake Marie in Missouri where they have property.



### Carl Stein

Carl Stein is the son of Peter and Julia Kleffman Stein. He is married to Helen Leinen, daughter of Helen Hainley and Albert Leinen.

Their children are: 1. Robert who married Teresa Goeser and has children Laurie and Timothy. Bob works for Husker News in Atlantic, Iowa. 2. Dorothy married David Gross who is associated with Allstate Insurance and their children are Deanna, Jeffery and Kristy. 3. Alfred married Jeanie Barragy and has two children, Michel and Christopher. He is farming at Lansing, Iowa. 4. Theresa (died shortly after birth) 5. James married Darla Jackson McCune and has a daughter Melissa. Jim is FHA county supervisor in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. 6. Albert married Patricia James and has a son, Jorge. 7. Patricia married Rand Pash, manager of Law and Leisure at Harlan, Iowa.

The other children are single and are students. They are: 8. Carl V. 9. William, 10. Donald, 11. Kenneth, 12. Lawrence, 13. Paul and 14. Mary. Robert, James, Albert and Carl V. served with the U.S. Army. Alfred, James and Carl V. are graduates of Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa.

The family are members of St. Marys Catholic Church in Portsmouth and Carl and Helen were married there on Aug. 12, 1941. 4-H has been a big part of the family's life, also. Helen was a member of Cass Sunny Sues for 9 years and won trips to Chicago and Ames. After their marriage, they both served as 4-H leaders and their children

took a most active part in it, too. Carl has also served as a township trustee.



### Peter Stein

Peter Stein was born June 30, 1865, the son of Peter Stein (1823-1898) and Anna Marie Kohn. He came to the USA from Welligen Kreises Merzig when he was 25 years old with his father, brother John (1854-1924), sister Eva Springman (1856-1940) to Harrison County. Another brother, Nicholas, came to this country four years before. Later he moved to the farm east of Portsmouth, Iowa, where he lived until his death. He was baptized and attended the Roman Catholic Church.

On April 16, 1907, he married Julia Kleffman, daughter of Fred and Bernadine Heinz Kleffman.

Their children are: 1. Marie, married George Kaufmann of Westphalia and their children are Kenneth of Sioux City, Cleo (Mrs. Larry Greer) employed with OPPD at Omaha and children Kerry, Kimberly and Kristen, Rosie (Mrs. Ken Schwarte) of Denison and their children Jason and Andrea, Leo served in U.S. Navy and is now farming Kaufmann place near Westphalia. 2. Fred, who now farms the home place where his father, Peter Stein, lived. 3. Agnes is a resident of the Horton Nursing Home in Logan, Iowa. 4. John married Rita Leinen and has four children. Barbara (Mrs. Richard Wingert) has two children, Steven and Jenifer, Gerald married Joan Reed and Joe and Julie are still at home. 5. Helen is deceased (1916-1951) 6. Carl married Helen Leinen and their biography is in this volume.

### John Stessman

John Stessman was born in Maumke, Germany May 15, 1864. His father was Adolph Stessman, born in Meggen, Germany May 19, 1823. Adolph helped in the construction of the first railroad in that region, called Westphalia railroad, operated in connection with the sulphuric rock mines of the Ruhr Valley, a great industrial area. Adolph married Elizabeth May-worn and he died in 1910.

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### Peter Steenhusen

Birth **31 DEC 1904** in Shelby County, Iowa  
Death **06 NOV 1975** in Harlan, Shelby County, Iowa

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**1904**  
31 Dec **Birth**  
Shelby County, Iowa

**1931**  
30 Aug **Marriage to Mildred Humphreys**  
Shelby County, Iowa  
Age: 26

**1975**  
6 Nov **Death**  
Harlan, Shelby County, Iowa  
Age: 70

**1975**  
9 Nov **Burial**  
Shelby County, Iowa

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#### Family Members

##### Parents

**Peter Steenhusen**

**Emma Boldt**

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**Mildred Humphreys**  
1913 – 1982

**Living Steenhusen**

**Living Steenhusen**

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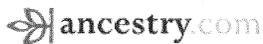
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Birth Year:	<b>abt 1904</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Single</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1915</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Shelby</b>	
Locality:	<b>Irwin</b>	
Mother's Birthplace:	<b>Nebraska</b>	
Father's Birthplace:	<b>Germany</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA1915_454</b>	
Line:	<b>136</b>	
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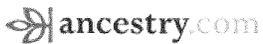
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### 1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Peter Steenhusen Jr.</b> <b>[Peter Steenhoven Jr.]</b>	
Home in 1920:	Jefferson, Shelby, Iowa	
Age:	16	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1904	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Son	
Father's Name:	Peter	
Father's Birth Place:	Germany	
Mother's Name:	Emma	
Mother's Birth Place:	Nebraska	
Marital Status:	Single	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
Able to read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
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	<a href="#">Henery Steenhusen</a>	20
	<a href="#">Irene Steenhusen</a>	18
	<a href="#">Peter Steenhusen</a>	16
	<a href="#">Ida Steenhusen</a>	14
	<a href="#">Alice Steenhusen</a>	11

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**Birth Date:** 31 Dec 1903  
**Death Date:** Nov 1975  
**Social Security Number:** 482-07-2673  
**State or Territory Where Number Was Issued:** Iowa

**Death Residence Localities**

**ZIP Code:** 51446  
**Localities:** Irwin, Shelby, Iowa

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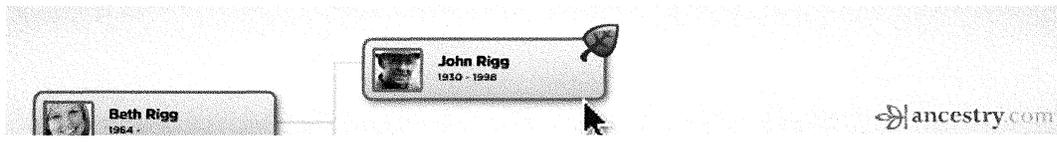
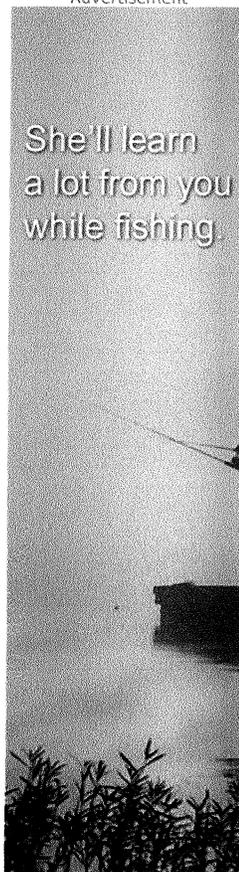
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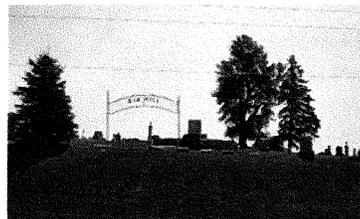
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Death: Nov. 6, 1975

Husband of Mildred (Humphreys) Steenhusen  
Son of Peter & Emma (Boldt) Steenhusen

Burial:  
Oak Hill Cemetery  
Irwin  
Shelby County  
Iowa, USA

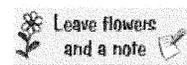
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