

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Stuart,
William C. - Represented Wayne and Lucas Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 28. Apr. 1920 Knosville, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Agnes Cleaver 1946

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a member of the district, state and American Bar Associations

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Skirmish; American Legion; Rotary Club;
Chariton Historic Preservation Commission; Lions Club

C. Profession Attorney; Iowa Supreme Court Judge

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th General Assembly 1953, 1955,

6. Public Offices 1957, 1959, 1961

A. Local Chariton city attorney 1947-1949

B. State He was appointed to the Iowa Supreme Court in 1962; learned the
from Crime Commission 1968-1971

C. National He was named to the Federal Judiciary President Nixon in 1971

7. Death 12 Aug 2010 Chariton, Iowa; body donated to University of Iowa, Iowa

8. Children Corwin; Cullen; Melanie; Valerie

9. Names of parents George C. and Edith

10. Education He graduated from Clinton High School, Clinton, Iowa in
1935

11. Degrees B.A. and law degree from the University of Iowa, Iowa
City, Iowa 1942

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - World War II - pilot with the U.S. Naval
Aviation Corps 1942-1945

- After the war he engaged in general law practice at Clinton,
Iowa from 1946 until coming on the Supreme Court

The Stuart and Stuart Law Firm founded by Theodore M. Stuart operated
in Clinton, Iowa from March 1960 to October 1962.

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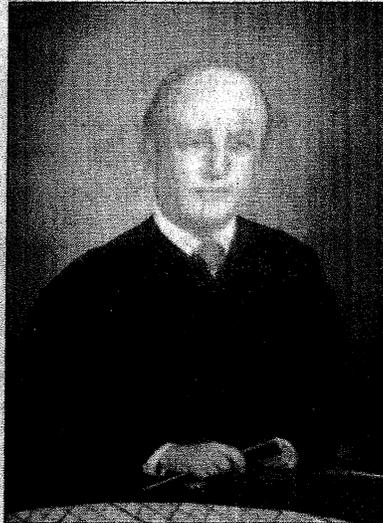
Death of Judge William Stuart marks the end of an era

By Sandra Knebel
Staff Writer

Judge William C. Stuart died last week at the age of 90. During his career that spanned nearly half a century, Stuart was a statesman whose spirit of caring extended to his family, the community, the legislature, and the judiciary.

The era that ended with Judge Stuart's death began with the legacy left by Theodore M. Stuart, founder of the Stuart & Stuart Law Firm that existed in Chariton from March of 1860 to October of 1962. William Stuart began his practice of law in 1946, was elected in 1952 to the Iowa Senate, was appointed to the Iowa Supreme Court in 1962, and was named to the Federal District bench by President Richard Nixon in 1971. He served on the Iowa Crime Commission from 1968 to 1971. He retired in 1986, a public figure, locally and nationally, whose long and respected career was notable.

In October of last year, The Herald-Patriot highlighted the life and times of William C. Stuart, beginning with his college days, covering his reign in service to the legal profession, and providing a



William C. Stuart was a partner in the Stuart & Stuart Law Firm that existed in Chariton for 102 years, was a former Iowa Senator, former Iowa Supreme Court Judge, and former U.S. Federal Court Judge.

glimpse of Bill, the family man. We recap here a short version of both his professional and personal life.

Of all the members of the family engaged in the practice of law,

William Stuart was one of only two who actually graduated from law school. Judge Stuart attended the University of Iowa and graduated in 1942. His law school roommate and longtime friend was the legendary football player, Nile Kinnick.

As an Iowa Senator, Stuart was involved with landmark decisions. One of his most famous positions as a legislator was his stance against allowing "long" trucks on the state's highways. Later, as a judge for the U.S. District Court Southern District, he ruled unconstitutional the Iowa law that barred 65' twin trailer trucks from travel on interstate highways and adjacent roads. The Judge enjoined the State from enforcing the ban.

In defending his diverse stand, Stuart said he was not inconsistent because his standpoint in 1953-1962 was from a state viewpoint versus his now federal role. As a federal judge, he said he saw no way to view the Iowa roadblock except as an unconstitutional burden on interstate commerce. He added that the interstates were a "national system" of 42,000 miles, which had been

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European pro basketball contract

selected for this team.

As a senior Spiker averaged 12.7 points and 9.9 rebounds per game. He ranked second in the NSIC in rebounding and was fourth in the league in field goal percentage shooting 59.7 percent. He also had 14 double-doubles on the season.

Spiker explained how the process of signing a contract came about. His agency, which is called Scorers First and is based in Germany, sent the Racing Luxembourg five games tapes of Brett. He spoke with three men on their coaching staff including Head

keep playing basketball and getting paid for it instead of getting a regular job. I'd like to play basketball as long as I can," he said.

Brett said that he really started to love the game of basketball during his junior year of high school at CHS. "I also knew then that I want-

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99 percent financed by the federal government. The ruling was a landmark decision affecting the nation's transportation economy.

While on the State Supreme Court in 1966 Stuart touched off a nationwide storm of comment in an opinion he wrote centering on a 7-year-old boy. In his decision, Stuart over-ruled an Iowa District Court decision to award custody of the boy to his father. In his ruling Stuart described the grandparents' Iowa home as better for the boy because it was "stable, dependable, conventional, middle class, middle west." On the other hand, he termed the father's California home as "unstable, unconventional, arty, bohemian, and probably stimulating."

After the opinion, there was a flood of mail. The case was covered in newspapers across the country, including the Wall Street Journal. Eventually, a movie was made of the case based upon the book, "Mark, I Love You" written by the boy's father. When we talked to the Judge for our October article, Stuart said this case still stood out in his mind as one of his most memorable cases.

Another of Stuart's cases involved the largest embezzlement in Iowa's history at that time.

Stuart was born in Knoxville, on April 28, 1920. He graduated from Chariton High School in 1937. He served as a pilot in the Navy from 1942 to 1945. He was a Republican, a Presbyterian, a member of the Masons, Shrine, American Legion, Rotary Club, and various other civic organizations. He helped start the Chariton Historic Preservation Commission. He was one of the group of men who negotiated with the railroad for possession of West Lake, part of what is now the golf course. He served as Chariton's City Attorney from 1947 to 1949.

In 1946 he married Mary Elgin Cleaver of Mason, Missouri. They had four children: Corwin, Cullen, Melanie, and Valerie. Melanie and Cullen both described their father as "down to earth" and as fair at home as he was in court. Valerie described her father as selfless and service oriented. Son Corky said his father was a great role model. "I never heard dad speak negatively about anyone," he said. "He always looked for the positive in people."

In sharing examples of the kind of father he was, his wife, Elgin, remembered when the family moved temporarily to Des Moines when William was elected to the Senate. "He arranged a visit to the State House so the kids could see the senate chambers," she said. "The Judge felt that it would be easier for the children to understand the move and, hopefully, make them feel they were a part of what was happening."

Judge Stuart's last public appearance was at the Open House celebration of his 90th birthday held in April in the same house on South Grand where he and his family resided since 1954.

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Aug. 11

Transport officer transported late Michael Bruce to Ft. Des Moines.

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Aug. 12

Jeremy James Blue, Russell, was traveling westbound in the 33000 block of 450th St. Benjamin John Whaley, Russell was traveling east-

Deputy assisted the Chariton Police Department in the 700 block of N. Grand St.

Transport officer transported inmate to an appointment.

Deaths

Judge W. C. "Bill" Stuart

Judge W. C. "Bill" Stuart, 90, passed away from complications of a stroke August 12. As requested his remains have been donated to the University of Iowa. A memorial service will be held in September.

Survivors are his wife Elgin; his children Corky, Cullen, Melanie and Valerie; grandchildren Zachary, Nathan and Joshua Stuart, Cristin and Natalie Curlee and Elgin and Olivia Karls. He is also survived by his great grandchildren Payton and Makenzie Stuart and his sister Marjorie Stuart Daasch.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 737 Braden Ave., Chariton, the W. C. Stuart Scholarship Fund, 216 S. Grand St., Chariton or Legacy Lodge Hospice, 220 Northwestern St., Chariton, Iowa 50049.

William Darwin Bridges

Services for William Bridges, 82, of Pleasant Hill, were held Saturday, August 14 at 11 a.m. at the Pierschbacher Funeral Home in Chariton with family receiving friends beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday before the service. Interment was in the Chariton Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Juanita; children: Darwin Eugene and Ronald Dean; 10 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.pierschbacherfuneralhome.com.

Michael Dittmer

Services for Michael Dittmer, 61, of Live Oak, Florida were held Saturday, August 14 at 10 a.m. at the Indianola Community Church. Visitation was held Friday, August 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pierschbacher Funeral Home in

Michael is survived by his moth-

er, Margaret Dittmer; his wife, Helen Dittmer and her four daughters and his three children and their mother Jolene Dittmer; eight grandchildren and 10 siblings.

Ruby Joan (Chandler) Nielsen

There will be no services for Ruby Joan (Chandler) Nielsen, 70, (widow of Dale), of Chariton. The family will have a private burial at Chariton Cemetery.

She is survived by her brother Russell Chandler of Ottumwa and brother-in-law Carl Nielsen of Chariton.

Fielding Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wayne Abel

Services for Wayne Abel, will be Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010 at 2 p.m. Visitation will be one hour prior to services. Burial will be Chariton Cemetery.

Three Oklaho in deer poac

A trio of McAlister, Okla., mer have pleaded guilty to charges stemming from illegally hunting deer in Decatur County, Iowa.

Christopher R. Kennon, 24, was fined \$1,656 and ordered to pay \$10,000 in liquidated damages for illegally hunting a deer. He pleaded guilty to not having a valid hunting license, no habitat stamp not having a valid deer license illegally killing and transporting a deer and two counts of falsifying information to obtain hunting licenses and deer tags. In addition to the fines, he forfeited a deer mount and his bow to the state.

Jared T. Whitten, 24, was fined \$1,179 after pleading guilty to charges of making false claims to obtain a hunting license, no valid hunting license and no valid deer tag. He forfeited a bow and climbing tree stand to the state.



Ardys Edward Force

Ardys Edward Force was born December 2, 1923 in Russell, Iowa to Guy E. and Nora E. (Hanks) Force. He was known to many as "Ardy". He was called home to his rest on July 19, 2010 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He graduated from Russell High School in 1941 and then went on to serve in the Army Air Corp. in 1942. He left the service after WWII and later his work in the Postal Department took him to Chicago, Moines and Omaha. After various other jobs he decided to settle in Tulsa where he spent his remaining years.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, his siblings Irma and Wendell and a niece Peggy. He is survived by brothers Paul and Donald (Frances) and three daughters, two nieces and several grandnieces and nephews.

A memorial will be announced and take place at a later date.

Sheriff Report

Gingerich Auction

Fox Auction Service
Memphis, Missouri

Public Auction

Location: From Chariton Ia. - Go South on Hwy 14 - 3 miles to H 50
From Corydon Ia. - Go North on Hwy 14 -12 miles to H 50 continue on

Thursday, August 26, 2010

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IH 8' wheel disc (excellent condition) - harrow cart	Blue mo
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William C. Stuart (1962 - 1971)

Served on the Iowa Supreme Court from October 15, 1962, following his appointment, until he resigned November 8, 1971.

Born at Knoxville, Iowa, April 18, 1920. He was graduated from the University of Iowa in 1940 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and from the College of Law of the same institution in 1942. During World War II he was a pilot with the U.S. Naval Air Corps from 1943 to 1945. Thereafter he engaged in the general practice of law at Chariton, Iowa, from 1946 until coming on the Supreme Court, During this time he served as City Attorney [1947-1949] and later as a State Senator for eleven years.

Justice Stuart resigned from the Supreme Court after he was appointed United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa on November 1, 1971. From 1977 to 1985 he served as Chief Judge. Since 1986, he has served as a Senior Judge.

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