

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Sickels, Lester Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Ringgold County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 June 1909 North County Missouri  
near Smith City, Missouri

2. Marriage (s) date place \_\_\_\_\_

Dorothy Louise Swethen 22 Feb 1930 Clarinda, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

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

B. Civic responsibilities Lions Club, I.O.O.F., Ringgold County Sheriff's  
Posse

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Christian

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Appointed a citizens advocacy committee which formed the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Judicial District Codebook Board in 1979-1994, School Board 13 years  
County school board 12 years

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

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

7. Death 21 Mar 2001 Mount Airy, Iowa; buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Mount Airy, Iowa

8. Children Elizabeth Geroldine (Mrs. Don Pomi); Lois Ingh (Mrs.  
Buckner); Stan Allen; Dennis Earl (predeceased his father in death)

9. Names of parents Egie G. and Belle (Nye) Sickels

## 10. Education

Educated in schools of Taylor and Ringgold  
Counties, Iowa

## 11. Degrees

## 12. Other applicable information

Republican

- At age 3 he moved with his parents to Blackton, Iowa
- He worked 3 years in Florida as a mechanic and 5 years in  
Guttenberg, Iowa as a mobile home driver
- He played a small part in getting the Ringgold County Hospital  
located in Mount Ayr, Iowa.
- He was a master story teller and a family genealogist
- He was the Ringgold County champion cornputer for 3 years
- He placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state cornputer contests where he placed 3<sup>rd</sup>  
in the 1930 contest at Shenandoah, Iowa



"The Attic" was established in 1968 and ran as an addition to Lefty's Club Tavern. Lefty continued in business until 1988 when it was sold to his son Mac and he became an employee. He worked there until Thursday night, March 22, 2001.

Lefty was a member of the American Legion, VFW, Mount Ayr Methodist Church and Mount Ayr Golf and Country Club.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, two brothers, Loring Geist and an infant son of Sophie and Limer Geist.

Lefty is survived by his wife Cleola; son Cullen and fiancée Donna Harrington, grandchildren Blaine and Adriene and their mother Leslie; son Mac and wife Jodie, granddaughters Sarah and Kelsey; nephew Larry Geist and family; sisters-in-law Betty Geist and Betty Powers; brother-in-law Keith Burchett; nieces, nephews, relatives and many friends of all ages.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 27, 2001 at the United Methodist Church, Mount Ayr, with Reverend Michael Druhl officiating. Musicians were Mrs. Debbie Cannon and Dr. Collus Lawhead. Casket bearers were Kelly Main, Steve Fetty, Mac and Ted Smith, Steve Mitchell, Scott Gilman, Max McGehee and Bill Blunck. Honorary pallbearers are all of those who have shared a baseball experience with Lefty.

Military rites were given by Ringgold Post #172 American Legion.

Wilson-Watson & Armstrong Funeral Home of Mount Ayr was in charge of the arrangements.

brother Gerald Trower; one sister Gladys Babbit; and son-in-law Joe Reed.

Pastor Jeff Flagg will officiate the funeral service. Mrs. Darlene Morgan is the organist. Casket bearers are Kevin Reed, Chris Grose, Steve Grose, Kenny Grose, Donnic Grose and Dan Krall. Burial will follow at the Ellston Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Ellston United Methodist Church or the Tingley Meal Site.

### LESTER SICKELS

Lester Sickels, the fourth child of EG and Belle Nye Sickels, was born June 27, 1909 in Worth county, Missouri and departed this life March 21, 2001 at Mount Ayr Health Care Center where he had been a resident for five years.

When he was three years old the family moved to Blockton, Iowa where he began his education. At the age of nine, they moved to Ringgold county where he lived most of the rest of his life, except for the three years when he worked as a mechanic in Florida and five years in Guttenberg, Iowa.

He was married at Clarinda, Iowa on February 22, 1930 to Dorothy Louise Snethen. In 1938, while in Florida, they adopted their first child, Elizabeth Geraldine. She was later joined by Lois Gayle and twin sons, Dan Allen and Dennis Earl.

Lester was a man who loved people and an adventure. He had a dream to see what was over every hill. He and Dorothy were privileged to travel many places together. During his five years

Left to mourn his passing are daughters, Jeri Pomi and husband Don of Fallon, Nevada, Gayle Buckner of Des Moines; son Dan Allen Sickels; six grandchildren, Steve Pomi (Julie) of Reno, Nevada, Mike (Jeannie) Pomi of Sparks, Nevada, Susan Buckner Post (Allen) of Woden, Iowa, Tim Buckner of Des Moines, Shawn Buckner (Renee) of Grimes, Iowa and Scott Sickels.

He particularly enjoyed his 10 great-grandchildren and enjoyed following their rodeo achievements in Nevada

## Thank You...

...to everyone who took birthday card.

## THANK

...to everyone who pancake supper a success to Kay Terwilliger, the prize. Again, thanks ever

Mount Ayr Presby

## Thankful Recogni

...to anonymous, All Season's England, Jack and Vera M Adams, Kristina Richmond, Charles and Phyllis Hawkins...

...for their contributions of t for the sale of our car, mis donation of pies and purchasir to go towards my Australian E

## Thank You

The family of Dola Simmons would like to thank everyone who visited, called, sent cards, brought food or said a prayer. Special thanks to Dr. Crain, Ringgold County Hospital and Hospice of Central Iowa for all the care and support given to Mom and the family during this difficult time.

### The Family of Dola Simmons

## Thank You...

...to everyone for all the cards, phone and personal calls we received after the death of Lester. They were dearly appreciated. May God bless all of you.

## THANK

The family of Lester Sickels thanks to everyone who support flowers, cards and prayers during this time. Thank yous go to the staff of M for their continuing care through at the home; to the staff at Ring Hospice nurses who were there to Pastors John Brillo and Pete E

Jeri and Don Pomi  
Gayle Buckner

## VIOLET LEON GROSE

Violet Leon Grose died on March 24, 2001 at Creston Nursing and Rehab. Funeral services will be on Thursday, March 29, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Ellston, Iowa. Family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 28 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Wilson-Watson & Strong Funeral Home in Mount

Violet was born on June 28, 1907 to George and Molly (Brown) Trower in Mount Ayr, Iowa. She graduated from Mount Ayr high school in 1927. She received her teacher's certificate from Mount Ayr. She taught school in the Mount Ayr and Beaconsfield area for six years.

On August 5, 1931 she was united in marriage to John Grose of Tingley, Iowa. They farmed in the Ellston area for 50 years.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Ellston, Rebecca and Tingley Kitchen Band. She served on the Iowa Southern Trolley Advisory board. She attended the Tingley Meal Site and was active in the Tingley Band for 20 years. Violet participated in the State Fair Senior Singing Contest in 1985.

She enjoyed traveling and was proud of the fact that she had visited all 50 states. Violet lived on the farm near Mount Ayr until four years ago when she moved to Creston.

Violet treasured her family throughout the years. She is survived by four children: Duane and wife Sylvia of Rock, Wyoming, Roger and wife Betty of Perry, Iowa, a daughter Gloria and of Le Mars, Iowa and Richard and wife Susan of Creston; 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by John Grose on October 7, 1981; her parents; one brother Gerald Trower; one sister Mary Babbit; and son-in-law Joe Trower.

Pastor Jeff Flagg will officiate the funeral service. Mrs. Darlene Morgan is organist. Casket bearers are Kevin Grose, Chris Grose, Steve Grose, Kenny Grose, Annie Grose and Dan Krall. All will follow at the Ellston Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the United Methodist Church or Tingley Meal Site.

as a driver for Hilton Mobile Home in Guttenberg, he logged over a quarter million accident-free miles. At the time of his baptism into the First Christian church in Mount Ayr when he was 88 years old, he commented that there was only one more hill that he wanted to climb to see what was on the other side.

For three years, he was the championship compicker in Ringgold county and competed in state contests where he placed third at the 1930 contest at Shenandoah, Iowa.

Lester lived a life of service to others. He was a member of local school boards for 13 years before being elected to the county school board for 12 years. He resigned that position when he was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives for two terms. This service took place during the time there was no salary for such positions.

He belonged to the Mount Ayr Lions Club, the Odd Fellows Lodge and the Ringgold County Sheriff's Posse. He was always proud of playing a small part in getting the Ringgold County Hospital located in Mount Ayr. Following his legislative service, he was appointed to a citizen's advocacy committee which formed the fifth judicial district Correctional Board in 1979. He served on that board until 1984. He was proud to say that he knew someone in every county in Iowa and many others throughout the United States.

He was known as a master storyteller, a heritage that came from his family. He was often found examining family records and could trace his mother's written ancestry back 24 generations for his great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 64 years; infants - son Dennis Earl, granddaughter Lisa Jane Buckner and great-granddaughter Christine Lynn Post; sister Clea Pyle; and brothers, Rex, Cecil, Roy, Dean, Duane, Earl and Jim.

Left to mourn his passing are daughters, Jeri Pomi and husband Don of Fallon, Nevada, Gayle Buckner of Des Moines; son Dan Allen Sickels; six grandchildren, Steve Pomi (Julie) of Reno, Nevada, Mike (Jeannie) Pomi of Sparks, Nevada, Susan Buckner Post (Allen) of Woden, Iowa, Tim Buckner of Des Moines, Shawn Buckner (Renee) of Grimes, Iowa and Scott Sickels.

He particularly enjoyed his 10 great-grandchildren and enjoyed following

and seeing the little Iowa ones on a regular basis. They are Whitney and Tory Pomi of Sparks, Nevada, McKenzie and Jake Pomi of Reno, Nevada, Gregory, Amanda and Kyle Post of Woden; Caitlin and Cody Buckner of Indianola, Iowa and Brittney Buckner of Grimes.

He is also survived by one brother Don Sickels of Mount Ayr; one sister Viona Forst of Des Moines; seven sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 24, 2001 at First Christian Church in Mount Ayr with Reverend John Brillo officiating. Musicians were Nancy Sackett, Mary Trullinger and Melanie Knapp. Casket bearers were Tim Buckner, Shawn Buckner, Allen Post, Ronald Sickels, Mike Sickels and Steve Sickels.

Honorary pallbearers were Mike Pomi, Steve Pomi, Scott Sickels, Bill Sickels, Gene Sickels, William Glenn Sickels, Mack Sickels, Donald Woods, Dennis Dobbs, Bob Sickels, John Sickels, Sam Sickels, Larry Sickels and Gary Sickels.

Lester was laid to rest in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Mount Ayr.

Whitney Pomi of Sparks, Nevada wrote this tribute to her great-grandfather.

### *The End*

*All things that are good  
must come to an end,  
and even after all is said and done  
I'm glad to have been your friend.*

*I've loved you forever  
but now you must go  
You loved me and although you can't  
say it, believe me I know*

*You supported me,  
you've been my rock  
Time moved so slowly now hands  
are springing off the clock.  
For all the times you've been  
there for me,*

*Now I must be there for you  
Believe me Daddy I'll be fine,  
in time I'll make it through,  
I'll shed a tear or two but not in  
anger or sadness*

*But one for the happier times  
of love and gladness  
So go ahead over the hill to the  
serenity and peace that will be  
Say hi to Mom but I want you to  
know*

*I love you Daddy*

## LESTER SICKELS

Lester Sickels, the fourth child of

*Thank You...*

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North America

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**Lester Sickels**  
MalePedigree  
Family

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**Event(s):**

**Birth:** 27 JUN 1909 , Worth, Missouri  
**Christening:**  
**Death:** 21 MAR 2001 Mount Ayr, Ringgold, Iowa  
**Burial:**

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**Marriages:**

**Spouse:** Dorothy L. Snethen Family  
**Marriage:** 22 FEB 1930 Clarinda, Page, Iowa

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**Messages:**

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**Source Information:**

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You searched for **Lester Sickels** in **Iowa**

### 1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Lester Sickels</b>	
Age in 1910:	<b>10/12</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1909</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Missouri</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Son</b>	
Father's Name:	<b>E G</b>	
Father's Birth Place:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Mother's Name:	<b>Belle J</b>	
Mother's Birth Place:	<b>South Dakota</b>	
Home in 1910:	<b>Jefferson, Taylor, Iowa</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Single</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">E G Sickels</a>	<b>31</b>
	<a href="#">Belle J Sickels</a>	<b>25</b>
	<a href="#">Sherman R Sickels</a>	<b>6</b>
	<a href="#">Cecil L Sickels</a>	<b>5</b>
	<a href="#">Cleta G Sickels</a>	<b>3</b>
	<a href="#">Lester Sickels</a>	<b>10/12</b>

**Source Citation:** Year: 1910; Census Place: *Jefferson, Taylor, Iowa*; Roll *T624\_425*; Page: *11B*; Enumeration District: *136*; Image: *243*.

**Source Information:**  
Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.



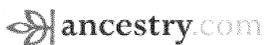
Original data: Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910 (NARA microfilm publication T624, 1,178 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: [NARA](#)

**Description:**  
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### 1930 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Lester Sickels</b>	
Home in 1930:	<b>Poe, Ringgold, Iowa</b> <a href="#">View Map</a>	
Age:	<b>20</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1910</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Missouri</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>	
Spouse's name:	<b>Dorothy L</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Occupation:		
Education:		
Military service:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Rent/home value:		
Age at first marriage:		
Parents' birthplace:		
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>Lester Sickels</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Dorothy L Sickels</b>	<b>18</b>
	<b>Wayne Johnston</b>	<b>20</b>

**Source Citation:** Year: 1930; Census Place: *Poe, Ringgold, Iowa*; Roll 680; Page: 4A; Enumeration District: 19; Image: 607.0.

**Source Information:**  
 Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002.

Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. T626, 2,667 rolls.

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**Lester Sickels**  
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**Parents:****Father:** Egie G. Sickels

Family

**Mother:** Jennie Isabelle Nye

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 **Lester SICKELS****Birth Date:** 27 Jun 1909**Death Date:** 21 Mar 2001**Social Security Number:** 266-01-3297**State or Territory Where Number Was Issued:** Florida**Death Residence Localities****ZIP Code:** 50854**Localities:** Mount Ayr, Ringgold, Iowa

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Birth **27 June 1909** in ,Worth, Missouri

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Death **21 Mar 2001** in Mt. Ayr, Ringgold, Iowa

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**1909 Birth**  
27 Jun ,Worth, Missouri [2 source citations](#)

**1925 Residence**  
1 Jan Riley [1 source citation](#)  
Age: 15

**1930 Marriage to Dorothy Louise Snethen**  
22 Feb Clarinda,, Iowa [1 source citation](#)  
Age: 20

**2001 Death**  
21 Mar Mt. Ayr, Ringgold, Iowa [1 source citation](#)  
Age: 91

**Cemetery**  
Rose Hill Cemetery [1 source citation](#)

**Burial**  
Mt. Ayr, Ringgold, Iowa

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#### Family Members

##### Parents

**Egie Sickels**  
1878 - 1968

**Isabelle J. Allyn**  
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**Dorothy Louise Snethen**

**Living Sickels**

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#### Historical Records

**Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925**

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