

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Stromer, Delwyn Dean Senator _____

Represented Hancock and Knight Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 Apr 1930 near Garner, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Harriet Jane Ostendorf 26 Aug 1950 Muscovy, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Regional Conference of State Legislatures 1977-1980; National chairman of Advanced Legislative Program Seminars 1981-1988

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion; Farm Bureau, Lions Club

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church

5. Sessions served 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd

6. Public Offices General Assemblies, 1967, 1969-1970, 1971-1972, 1973-1974, 1975-1976, 1977-1978; 1979-1980; 1981-1982; 1983-1984; 1985-1986; 1987-1988; 1989-1990

A. Local _____

B. State Speaker of the House in the 69th Iowa General Assembly. He served with Senator Charles Busby's staff as agricultural advisor 1993-1999

C. National He served as General Services administrator during the George Bush administration 1989-1993.

7. Death 7 Sept 2003 Des Moines, Iowa; Linn Concord Township Cemetery, Garner, Iowa

8. Children Linda (Mrs. Upmeyer); Pamela (Mrs. Siskerholz); David; Randall Dean (predeceased his father in death in 1973)

9. Names of parents Arnon Arthur and Ruby Evelyn (Holl) Stromer

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10. Education He was educated in a rural school in Liberty Township of Hancock County until 8th grade then attended and graduated from Garner High School, Garner, Iowa 1947

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Republican

- The family lived on a farm southeast of Garner, Iowa.
- 1989 he and his wife moved to Kansas City, MO where he served as the General Services Administrator during the George H. W. Bush administration
- 1993 - they moved to West Des Moines serving Senator Charles Grassley step as her agriculture advisor until he retired in 1999.
- Military service - Korean War - 1953-1955; Army Reserve 1955-1959



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"He was always a fair and honest man."

— Linda Upmeyer, daughter

Stromer, former speaker of Iowa House, dies at 73

He was elected in 1966, retired in 1989 and held other positions after that.

By LYNN OKAMOTO
and JANE NORMAN
REGISTER STAFF WRITERS

Former Iowa House Speaker Delwyn D. Stromer died Sunday at a Des Moines hospital. He was 73.

Mr. Stromer, who was living in West Des Moines but is formerly from Garner, is survived by his wife, Harriet. Family members said the couple did everything together, from farming to working in the Legislature, where she was his clerk.

Mr. Stromer, a Republican, was first elected to the Iowa House in 1966 and served in various leadership positions, from education committee chairman to assistant majority leader, assistant minority leader and House speaker. He retired in 1989.

"The words that come to mind when I think of Dad is integrity," said his daughter, Linda Upmeyer. "He was always a fair and honest man. His faith was very important to him. He was very involved in the

church and church activities."

Upmeyer, who's also a Republican, now represents Garner in the Iowa House. She fondly recalled talking with her father this past legislative session, and how he'd sometimes forget that she is still a

freshman lawmaker.

"He was always in a position of leadership," Upmeyer said.

"I'd remind Dad, 'I'm not in charge here.' You forget when

you're used to being able to have much more influence. Every-

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body doesn't have that level of input."

U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, an Iowa Republican, said his longtime friendship with Mr. Stromer dates back to the 1960s, when Grassley was serving in the Iowa House. Mr. Stromer put together the basic formula still used to allocate money to Iowa school districts.

"We just served together and did a lot of education issues in the Iowa Legislature," Grassley said. "We worked just hand in glove on so many things."

When Grassley was pondering

whether to run for Congress in 1973, Mr. Stromer was one of his first friends to offer a campaign contribution. Mr. Stromer wrote out a check and told Grassley to hang on to it until he made a decision.

"Together, Del and his wife, Harriet, touched so many lives and readily shared their gifts for friendship and fellowship," Grassley said. "Barbara and I extend our heartfelt sympathy to Harriet and their family. We will always miss Del. He was just a wonderful person."

Mr. Stromer left the Legislature to work for the General Services Administration in Kansas City during the administration of former President George Bush. When that job ended with the election of Bill Clinton, Mr. Stromer joined Grassley's congressional staff in Iowa for five years before retirement, working on economic development.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church in Garner.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the same church, and burial will be at Concord Township Cemetery.



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2003 issue of the Des Moines Register, Des Moines,
Iowa.*

Services Friday For Former State Legislator Delwyn Stromer



Delwyn D. Stromer

Former State Representative Delwyn D. Stromer, 73, of West Des Moines, died, Sunday, Sept. 7, at Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines, of complications stemming from a cardiovascular problem.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 12, 10:30 a.m. at Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church in Garner.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church and continue one hour prior to services on Friday. The Cataldo Funeral Home of Garner is in charge of arrangements.

Stromer, formerly of Garner, served in the Iowa House of Representatives for 23 years - from 1966-1989. He was Speaker of the House during the 69th General Assembly.

During his tenure in the Legislature, Stromer served as education committee chair. He also served as assistant majority leader and assistant minority leader.

Upon his retirement from the Legislature, Stromer was the administrator for the federal General Services Administration in Kansas City, Mo. during the Bush Administration. In 1993 he was an agriculture advisor with Sen. Charles Grassley's staff until his retirement in 1999.

A complete obituary for Delwyn Stromer is found on page 6 of the Garner Leader.

Ground Breaking Ceremony For Hejlik's Subdivision

A groundbreaking ceremony for Hejlik's 1st Subdivision in Garner will be held Wednesday, Sept. 17, 10:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place on the corner of Lyons and Allen, east

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music will be provided by organist, Margaret Jass and pianist Mary Etherington. Special music will be provided by a men's quartet of Perry Schaeffer, Kenneth Schaeffer, Wendell Davison and Dan Brozik. Ushers will be Gary Steinke, Calvin "Johnny" Goll, Dean Goll, Willis Davison and Byron Stromer.

Casket bearers will be Chad Upmeyer, Matthew Upmeyer, Blake Upmeyer, Tyler Upmeyer, Jamie Stromer, Todd Birkenholz, Reed Birkenholz and Lucas Stromer. Burial will be in Concord Township Cemetery, Garner with military rites by the Garner Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday at Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church in Garner and will continue one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Delwyn Stromer Memorial Fund. Cataldo Funeral Home in Garner is in charge of arrangements.

Delwyn Dean Stromer, the son of Aaron Arthur and Ruby Evelyn (Goll) Stromer, was born April 22, 1930, on a farm southwest of Garner. He attended rural school in Liberty Township until the eighth grade and graduated from Garner High School in 1947. After high school he helped his father on the farm.

On Aug. 26, 1950, he married Harriet June Ostendorf at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Meservey. They made their home on a farm southwest of Garner where he farmed. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict from 1953 to 1955. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Garner and continued farming.

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1966, he served with Sen. Charles Grassley's staff as his agriculture advisor until his retirement in 1999. Delwyn and Harriet spent the past three winters in Weslaco, Texas.

He enjoyed reading, walking, camping and traveling. Music was a big part of his life and in his younger years he enjoyed playing tuba in the Old Timers Band in Garner as well as playing in Ray's Accordion Band. He was a member of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church in Garner where he served as a Deacon, taught Sunday school and sang in the choir. He was active in Farm Bureau and was a past member of the Garner Lions Club.

His political memberships and positions included the Executive Committee of National Conference of State Legislatures, 1977-1980, national chair of Advanced Legislative Program Seminar, 1981-1984, assistant majority floor leader in the 65th General Assembly and assistant minority floorleader in the 66th and 67th General Assemblies, Speaker pro tempore, 68th General Assembly, Speaker of the House, 69th General Assembly, and Minority leader, 70th, 71st, 72nd and 73rd General Assemblies.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet, of West Des Moines; his mother, Ruby Stromer, of Garner; daughter, Linda Upmeyer and husband, Doug, of Garner and their five children, Sara of Columbia, Mo., Chad of Garner, Matt and wife, Erica, of Ankeny and Blake and Tyler of Garner; daughter, Pamela Birkenholz and husband, Robert, of Columbus, Ohio, and their two sons, Todd and his fiancée, Robin Wade, of St. Louis, Mo. and Reed of Columbia, Mo.; son, David Stromer and wife,

sister-in-law, The Gates and husband Lake Tahoe, Nev. nieces and nephews.

He was preceded by his son, Randall in 1973; his father in 1988; and a brother in 1981.

Bryan J. Heitmeier 1958-2003

Word was received of the death of Bryan J. Heitmeier, 44, of Beaman. He was the son of Sidney Heitmeier. Bryan died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, at the Iowa Medical and Surgical Center in Marshalltown.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Beaman United Methodist Church. The Rev. David J. Heitmeier will officiate. Music will be provided by organist Connie Heitmeier.

Burial will be in the Beaman Cemetery, Beaman. Heitmeier was preceded in death by his father, Conrad Heitmeier. Arrangements are being handled by Heitmeier Funeral Home.

Casket bearers are: Steve Olson, Trevor Seaman, Ladehoff, Merle Engleking and Beaman.

Bryan J. Heitmeier was born Oct. 19, 1958 at Ft. Madison. He was the son of Norma Jean (St. Louis) Heitmeier. He was a 1977 graduate of Beaman High School.

On Jan. 3, 1981, Heitmeier and his wife were married.



Obituaries

Iowa as a member of the General Assembly, including service as the Speaker of the House of Representatives during the 69th General Assembly. During that time he was well known for his education leadership having served as the education committee chair for much of his tenure.

In 1989, Delwyn and Harriet moved to Kansas City, Mo. where he served as the General Services Administrator during the Bush Administration. In 1993, they moved to West Des Moines where he served with Sen. Charles Grassley's staff as his agriculture advisor until his retirement in 1999. Delwyn and Harriet spent the past three winters in Weslaco, Texas.

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Kimberly, of Garner and their three children, Gretchen, Emma and Lucas of Garner; a daughter-in-law, Michelle Doble and husband, Joel, of Garner and their children, Jamie Stromer of Britt, Nicole Katter and husband, Sam, of Garner and Misty Doble of Tempe, Ariz.; two great grandsons, Tyson and Josh Stromer of Britt.

Also surviving are two sisters, Vivian Bovenmyer and husband, Dwight, of Garner, and Marian DeWitt and husband, Allan, of Garner; a sister-in-law, Thelma Stromer Gates and husband, Robert, of Lake Tahoe, Nev.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Randall Dean Stromer in 1973; his father, Aaron in 1988; and a brother, Norman in 1981.

Bryan J. Heitmeyer 1958-2003

Word was received of the death of Bryan J. Heitmeyer, 44, of Beaman. He is the son of Sidney Heitmeyer of Garner. Bryan died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2003, at the Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center in Marshalltown.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Beaman United Methodist Church. The Rev. John Hall officiated. Music was provided by organist Connie Kruse.

Burial was in Oakland Cemetery, Beaman. The Johnston Funeral Home of

5 years ago September 9, 1998

A retirement plaque for Ellery Wood of the Garner Pub Wood retired after employment with Garner. He was presented a plaque and a gift to Cabella's.

Two new faces at high school were Jason and Todd Greiman the new high school director and Greiman begun his teaching chemistry and physics.

Garner-Hayfield Lake Mills 39-6 in district season open statistics include 16 passing yards for

Garner Golf and Club held the Championship Tournament August 30. Taking 11 strokes was Fred who finished with a

Bryan was employed as a machine operator and was a member of the United Methodist Oakwood Golf Club.

Survivors include Kim Heitmeyer of Beaman, Chad Mull and Lisa, of Conrad, Jr. of Plover, Wis., Tyler of Beaman; and two daughters, Mallory Heitmeyer Heitmeyer, both of Beaman and one grandchild.

Also surviving are Sidney Heitmeyer and Renee, of Garner; Brenda Heitmeyer and grandmothers Heitmeyer of Sheldon

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Bill and all three girls have shown ponies and horses on the N.I.S.C. show circuit for several years. Bill also enjoys singing and is a member of a local quartet, The R.P.M.'s, and the Garner Lions Club.

The Renner family are all members of the Garner United Methodist Church.

by William Renner

STOKESBARY, JOSEPH AND PAULINE (SEGLEM)

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Joseph Freeman Stokesbary was born in Hancock County, Ohio to Joshuwa and Amelia Stokesbary (Gallant) on October 30, 1859 and emigrated from there with his parents in 1869 to Adair County, Iowa. The family lived there 2 years and from there they went by covered wagon to Hamilton County, Nebraska. With his father he farmed for several years living in sod houses and pioneer surroundings.

On August 7, 1880 he married Ruth Gibbons. They had 8 children: Arvilla Twaites, Bertha Perkins, Addie Graham, William, George, Clint, Elvin, and one who died at birth.

In October 1902, his wife, Ruth, died. Joseph kept his family together and in October 1903 he married Pauline Seglem in Nevada. To this union 3 children were born, namely: Ralph, Margaurite and Arvid. Pauline was born November 9, 1884 in Radcliff, Iowa to Peter and Anna Seglem (Olson).

Joseph farmed several years in Nebraska for himself before coming to Iowa, locating near Renwick, Iowa, where he farmed and did team work for 3 years. He moved to Hancock County in approximately 1912, locating south of Corwith, where he lived for 13 years.

Joseph and Pauline lived around Garner for 30 years, moving to Garner in 1935. Joseph died September 22, 1942 and is buried at Renwick, Iowa. Pauline was in the Good Samaritan Home for almost 2 years before her death on November 5, 1963. Pauline is also buried in Renwick, Iowa. They were members of the First Methodist Church.

by Arvid Stokesbary

STRAATMAN, WILLIAM AND MARY

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Elder William Straatman was born on the 28th day of January, 1850, at Bendheim, Westphalen, Germany. During his early years he attended the schools at his home and later served two years in the German army. At the age of 26 years (1876) he came to America and made his home at New Knoxville, Ohio. Here he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Meyers.

Mary Straatman, nee Meyer, was born September 13th, 1850, at Luebeke, Mein, Germany. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church of Luebeke. At the age of 25 years (1875) she and her sister (Mrs. Kuck) came to America. The two sisters found a home at an aunt's place in New Knoxville, Ohio. Here

she met and married William Straatman.

William and Mary Straatman spent their early married life on a rented farm near New Knoxville, Ohio. In 1893 they moved to a farm in Liberty Township, Hancock County, Iowa, where they remained for eighteen years (1912). During the next fifteen years (1912-1927) Mr. and Mrs. Straatman lived in Klemme, Iowa, where Mr. Straatman found employment as caretaker of the cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Straatman were charter members of the Klemme Reformed congregation; Mr. Straatman serving two terms (1902-04; 1914-1916) as elder for the church. While on the farm in Liberty Township, one son and five daughters were born in the Straatman home. Three of the children, the only son and two daughters died in infancy. The three surviving daughters were named Minn, Till and Emma Straatman.

William Straatman suffered a stroke on March 30, 1927, which rendered him unconscious. He died at 4:00 o'clock, Monday, April 4, 1927 at the age of 77 years, 2 months and 6 days. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Klemme. Mrs. Straatman remained alone at her Klemme home, and then made her home with her married daughters, Mrs. Reinhold (Minn) Lemke and Mrs. George (Emma) Niemeyer. Mrs. Harvey (Till) Wilkens visited from her St. Marys, Ohio home. Mrs. Straatman suffered the ailments of old age and in May, 1936, became seriously ill. She died in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emma Niemeyer, at 3:30 o'clock, Saturday morning, June 13, 1936 at the age of 85 years and 9 months. She was laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery at Klemme, Iowa. All who knew Mrs. Straatman spoke of her as a kind-hearted mother, always busy at work in her home, generous to all who needed help.

by Carter Niemeyer

STROMER, HERMAN FAMILY

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August Stromer was born in 1835 in Karzin Province, Pommern Germany, In 1861 he



Herman Stromer and Mary Katter 1904-wedding

married Johanna Frederika Haupt. To this couple 7 children were born, namely: Charles Stromer, Hulda Halfpop, Augusta Schuldt, Amelia Priebe, Bertha Rosenau, Herman Stromer, and Emma Stork. In October 1883 the family traveled by steamboat to New Orleans from Germany and then up the Mississippi River to Cincinnati, Ohio. They continued on by train to Hancock County. Charles Stromer and Hulda Halfpop, being the eldest of the seven children, had been sent on ahead. This was to eliminate Charlie from being drafted into the army now that he had just recently become of age. A cousin, Charles Ludwig Stromer, had already gone ahead of Charlie and Hulda and was well established on a farm west of Klemme.

Johanna Stromer died in 1907 and August Stromer in 1917. Herman Stromer remained on the home farm in Ell Township. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Katter Greiman in 1904. Four children were born namely: Aaron, Verner, Harold and Nellie.

Aaron married Ruby Goll in 1929. To this marriage were born the following children: Delwyn, Norman, Vivian Bovenmyer and Marian DeWitt. They lived on a farm in Liberty Township. Daughter Marian and husband, Al DeWitt, and family continued to live on the farm.

Verner married Norma Lenz in 1931 and she died in 1932. Verner Stromer remarried to Verna Alford in 1933 and lived on the farm adjoining the home place in Ell Township. To this marriage were born: Byron, Val, Velere and Lyndon. Verner died in 1971.

Harold Stromer married Isabel Dohrman in 1949. To this marriage were born: Dean and Mary Ann Hanson. Harold continued farming the home place and was later followed by their son, Dean, and family. Harold died in 1987.

Nellie Stromer married George Heald in 1941 and they moved to their farm near Rolfe in Pocahontas County. In 1953 they moved to Ames, Ia. where they still continue to live. To this marriage were born: Joyce Simpson and Betty Johnson.

In 1946, Mary and Herman retired to a home which they built in Garner, Herman died in 1965. Mary moved into the Prairie View apartments in Garner where she lived until her death in 1972.

by Nellie Stromer Heald

STUDEBAKER, CHARLES AND WINIFRED (FULLER)

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Winifred Lucille Fuller was the eighth and last child born to Sumner G. and Katie (Monaghan) Fuller. She was born June 21, 1914, at Goodell, Iowa. She graduated from Goodell High School in 1931. She attended Iowa State Teachers College — now the University of Northern Iowa — at Cedar Falls. Faithful to her father's wishes, that all the girls teach school, Winnie, too, became a teacher in the rural school in Hancock County for one year.

Winifred Fuller and Charles Studebaker were married February 15, 1939. They have spent most of their married life in Belmond. They did farm near Kanawha for eight years.

The Studebakers are the parents of seven

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Delwyn Dean Stromer
Male

Pedigree

Event(s):**Birth:** 22 APR 1930 Garner, Hancock, Iowa**Christening:****Death:** 07 SEP 2003 , Des Moines, Iowa**Burial:**

Parents:**Father:** Aaron Arthur Stromer

Family

Mother: Ruby Evelyn Goll

Messages:

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Name:	Delwyn D Stromer
Service Info.:	CPL US ARMY KOREA
Birth Date:	22 Apr 1930
Death Date:	7 Sep 2003
Cemetery:	Concord Twp Cemetery
Cemetery Address:	Garner, IA 50438

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