

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Baker, Keith Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, O'Brien, Palo Alto and Pocahontas  
Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 18 Feb 1928 Fayette, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Marcella Mai 26 April 1947 Waterloo, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

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

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 66<sup>th</sup>, 67<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1975-1976, 1977-1978

6. Public Offices

A. Local Member of Mt Central school board for 14 years. Board member of  
Maynard, Iowa Co-op; chairman of the Maynard Senior Citizens Housing Board

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

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

7. Death 12 Oct 1998, Sumner, Iowa; buried Greenwood Cemetery, Westgate, Iowa

8. Children Robert; Steven; Phyllis (Mrs. Donald Clay); Sandy (Mrs. Charles  
Reed); Linda; Mary Jo (Mrs. Michael Hurd)

9. Names of parents Clair and Esther (Ritchie) Baker

10. Education Educated in the Hestgate and Maynard, Iowa  
public schools

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

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- Other jobs he held were bridge painter, John Deere and Company  
employee, and milk hauler.
- He retired in 1991 and helped his son, Steve, on the farm.



## OBITUARIES

### Keith Baker

Keith Baker, son of Clair and Esther Ritchie Baker, was born February 18, 1928 at Fayette. He received his education in the Westgate and Maynard Schools.

On April 26, 1947, he was united in marriage with Marcella Mai at Waterloo. Keith painted bridges in Dubuque, worked for Deere & Company in Waterloo, was a milk hauler, and also was a lifelong farmer. Following his retirement in 1991, he continued to help his son, Steve on the farm.

Following a sudden illness, Keith's death occurred on Monday, Oct. 12 at Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner. He was 70 years old and was a member of Murphy United Methodist Church of rural Westgate. He served on the West Central school board for 14 years, served as a trustee on the Murphy Church board, the Maynard Co-op board for 9 years, was presently serving as chairman of the Maynard Senior Citizen Housing board, and was a longtime member of the Farm Bureau.

In addition to his wife, Marcella of Westgate, he is survived by two sons, Robert (Betty) Baker of Brooklyn Park, Minn. and Steven (Mary Ann) Baker of Westgate; four daughters, Phyllis (Donald) Clay of Normal, IL., Sandy (Charles) Reed of Sumner, Linda Baker of Westgate and Mary Jo (Michael) Hurd of Marshalltown; thirteen grand children; thirteen great-grandchildren; one brother, Richard (Betty) Baker of Mira Loma, Calif.; and one sister, Angela (Ralph) Grube of Charles City.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Harvey and George, and two brothers who died in infancy.

Private family services will be held at the Murphy Church, rural Westgate with interment at the Greenwood Cemetery, rural Westgate. Arrangements are being handled by Becker-Milnes Funeral Home in Sumner.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

### Palmer Lutheran hospital news

#### Admissions

Mildred Feller, Elgin  
Carl Hyman, Hawkeye

#### Births

Nancy & Dale Martin-girl, Westgate

#### Discharges

Hazel Tope, West Union  
Nancy Martin & girl

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The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) 18th general sign-up will be during a 7-week period October 26, 1998, through December 11, 1998. The CRP offers owners annual rental payments establishing grasses, forbs, trees and other resource-conserving cover on environmentally sensitive cropland from a 10 to 15 year period.

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