

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

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Name of Representative Sen. Herder, Elmer H. Senator _____
Represented Sioux County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14. Aug. 1908 near Sioux Center, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Christine Vreeman 16 June 1931

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was president of Sioux County Farm Bureau; president of
County Youth Fair Board;

B. Civic responsibilities 4-H leader

C. Profession Dairy and livestock farmer; Sioux Center Community Hospital
Chairman

4. Church membership First Reformed Church

5. Sessions served 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd General Assembly

6. Public Offices 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1969-1970

A. Local _____

B. State Member of members of the Iowa Development Commission; member of
State Hospital Advisory Board

C. National _____

7. Death 2 June 1978, Sioux Center, Iowa; buried

8. Children Jessie (predeceased his father in death); Roger; Paul; Phil;
Mary (Mrs. Wade Berg); Carol (Mrs. Dr. Rayster)

9. Names of parents Derritt E. and Janet (Dietrich) Sen. Herder

Ben Herder, Elmer H.

10. Education Attended Sioux Center, Iowa public schools and
Northwestern Academy in Orange City, Iowa

11. Degrees Attended Hope College in Holland, Michigan

12. Other applicable information Republican

Elmer Den Herder dies

Elmer Den Herder, State Representative from Sioux Center who was to have been honored with an appreciation dinner Saturday evening, died of cancer Friday afternoon. He was 69 years old.

Den Herder learned last winter that he had cancer. He underwent surgery at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City in January.

Den Herder required surgery again in the middle of March to have his bladder removed, and returned to Iowa City on May 18 with complications. He was flown to the Sioux Center Hospital last week Tuesday, May 30, where he died three days later.

Funeral services were held at 1st Reformed Church in Sioux Center at 11 a.m. Monday morning. The Rev. Thurman Rynbrandt presided.

A Republican, Den Her-

der was the first district representative in the State House for 22 years. He was planning to retire after the current term ran out.

Den Herder's appreciation dinner was scheduled for this past Saturday, but was postponed until a later date. Governor Robert D. Ray will be the keynote speaker at that memorial dinner.

Gov. Ray said from Des Moines, "Elmer Den Herder was one who truly gave meaning to the word leadership. He was an outstanding legislator with an ability to reason with people--on both sides of the aisle.

"Elmer very effectively represented the folks in Sioux and Lyon counties, and he earned the respect, admiration, and yes, the affection, of all with whom he worked at the State Capitol.

"Perhaps we will reme-

mber Elmer Den Herder most for the kind of human being he was, and how he sought always to help others. He was a very moral person whose integrity was beyond question.

"He served faithfully for a number of years on our Governor's Prayer Breakfast Committee. And, it was Elmer's steadfast belief in the power of God's will which sustained him with such strength and courage during his long illness.

"The people of Northwest Iowa were indeed fortunate to have had Elmer Den Herder as their representative for 11 terms in the Iowa legislature. And, on behalf of all Iowans, I appreciate them sharing this very special person with all of us in service to our state."

Den Herder was born August 14, 1908, to Gerrit E. and Janet (Grotenhuis)

Den Herder. He attended Sioux Center Public School, Northwestern Academy in Orange City, and Hope College in Holland, Mich. He married Christine Vreeman on June 16, 1931.

Elmer Den Herder was a past president of the Sioux County Farm Bureau and the County Youth Fair Board, a 4-H Club chairman and leader, and was chairman of the Sioux Center Hospital and Nursing Wing's Board of Directors 22 years.

He was a member of the State Comprehensive Health Advisery and chairman of the Budget and Financial Control Committee.

Before his legislative career began, Den Herder was a dairy and livestock farmer near Sioux Center. He was also an elder of the 1st Reformed Church in Sioux Center.

Den Herder was survived by his wife, four children, four brothers, two sisters, and 17 grandchildren. An obituary appears inside.

Board pushes for road project finish

Faced with a legal entanglement, the Sioux County Board of Supervisors reached an informal agreement with Rural Water System No. One of Hospers in an effort to complete its road blacktopping project as soon as possible. The supervisors met with a committee appointed by the Water System's directors near Hospers Friday evening.

A Supervisor Chairman Bernard Smith's suggestion, both groups agreed

ty roads could be improved. On August 10, 1977, the water system, which has its office two miles north of Hospers, brought forth a lawsuit against the county, claiming the county did not have the right to expropriate the water system's interests in its private property for the purpose of road construction. The Water System based that contention on a Jan. 26, 1971, lawsuit filed by the county, an "Application For Approval of Under-

versely to the county. On December 16, the county appealed to the State Supreme Court.

Friday, Kenneth Huisman, President of RWS One, told the supervisors, "We were upset with your actions. Why was it taken to the Supreme Court after our agreement to go to District Court? The word 'final' means something to us. Do we have to live with this?" Smith argued, "We wrote a poor contract. We

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tation, was too restrictive.