

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Gilson, Ernest H. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Audubon, Carroll, Cass, Crawford, Boone, Guthrie and  
Shelby County, Iowa  
1. Birthday and place 25 Jul 1930 Blairburg, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Shirley Mason 27 Feb 1954 London, England

3. Significant events for example:

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

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion

C. Profession Educator, coach

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 67<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1977-1978

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

7. Death 14 Jan 2002 Carroll, Iowa, buried Union Cemetery, Guthrie Center, Iowa

8. Children Kirby; Jewel (Miss Allen Bunch); Ric (predeceased his father in death)

9. Names of parents James and Lulu Mae (Frances) Gilson

10. Education Educated in public schools of Harlow, Annesburg  
Davenport and Guthrie Center graduating from Guthrie  
Center High School in 1949.

11. Degrees Attended the University of Iowa for one year; Graduate of  
Northwest Missouri State University in 1958

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- Military service - Korean War - U.S. Air Force serving in England
- After service the couple moved to Mayville, Missouri
- He taught and coached in Missouri for a short time before  
moving to Bayard, Iowa in 1965. There he coached football,  
track and taught social sciences at Bayard High School
- After serving in the House of Representatives he resumed teaching  
at the Yale, Jannasa, Bayley schools and retired from the  
Parosoma School District in 1992



## Ernie Gilson Rites Friday

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 18, for Ernie Gilson, 71, of Bayard, who died January 14. Services will begin at 11 a m at the Bayard United Methodist Church, with Rev Charlie Thompson officiating. Special words will be shared by Ernie's children, Kirby Gilson and Janel Brush. Special music will be provided by Courtney Gilson, vocalist, and Martha Wolf, organist.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 17, after 5 p m at Ohde Funeral Home in Bayard.

Interment will be Union Cemetery at Guthrie Center at 1:30 p m Friday. Casket bearers will be Gary Fell, Neil Lewis, Darwin Halterman, Mike Hagan, Pat McAlister and Mike McAlister.



ERNIE GILSON

James and Lula Mae France Gilson, was born July 25, 1930, in Blairsburg. He attended school in Harlan, Denison, Davenport and Guthrie Center, where he graduated from high school in 1949. Ernie then attended the University of Iowa for one year before joining the U S Air Force and serving in England.

On February 27, 1954, Ernie married Shirley Mason in London, England. Three children were born to this union. After Ernie received his honorable discharge, the couple moved to Maryville, MO, where Ernie graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 1958. He taught and coached in Missouri for a short time before moving to Bayard in 1965. He coached football and track and taught social sciences at Bayard High School before serving as state representative for the 56th District in 1977-78.

Ernie then resumed teaching at YJB Community Schools and retired from the Panorama School District in 1992.

Ernie was a member of Bayard United Methodist Church and American Legion-Omar B Shearer Post #124 in Guthrie Center.

He had been battling cancer and died on January 14, 2002, at St Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll. He was 71 years old.

Besides his parents, Ernie was preceded in death by a son, Ric Gilson; two brothers, Bob and Joe Gilson, and a sister, Doris Ashley.

Shirley of Bayard; son, Kirby Gilson and his wife, Vicki of Urbandale; daughter, Janel and her husband, Allen Brush of Jefferson; six grandchildren; brother, Richard Gilson of Guthrie Center; other relatives, former students and many friends.

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