

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Egenes, Eugene L. Senator _____
Represented Story, Boone, Hamilton and Webster counties

1. Birthday and place 19 Oct 1930 Minnesota

2. Marriage (s) date place
John Egenes 15 Aug 1948

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____
B. Civic responsibilities _____
C. Profession Teacher

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th General Assemblies
1971-1972, 1973-1974, 1975-1976, 1977-1978, 1979-1980

6. Public Offices
A. Local Member of the Luther College Board of Regents
B. State Member of the Iowa State Commission on Education and the Iowa Academy of Political Science
C. National _____

7. Death 27 Nov 1984 Iowa City, Iowa; buried Story City Cemetery, Story City, Iowa

8. Children Jay

9. Names of parents Carlson

10. Education

11. Degrees

Attended St. Olaf College and the University of Iowa
earning her Bachelor degree in 1951. she was a Fullbright
scholar in Norway studying political history

12. Other applicable information

Republican.

- Before her political career she was a high school teacher in
Randall, Iowa for 5 years and taught government at Iowa
State University, Ames, Iowa 1960-1961
- Her husband, John, born 20 Sept 1928, died 13 Sept 2006

Former legislator Sonja Egenes dies from transplant complications

Sonja Egenes, the Story City woman who served in the Iowa Legislature for 12 years and the first Republican woman to be nominated for an Iowa congressional seat, died Tuesday, Nov. 27 at University Hospitals in Iowa City from complications of diabetes and a recent kidney transplant. She was 54.

Egenes was elected six consecutive times from 1970 until 1982 to represent the 43rd House District which included Story City and the northern portion of Story County. When the 43rd district was re-apportioned into the 44th district, which now includes Boone, the Republican Egenes lost a bid to represent that district to Democrat Joyce Loneragan.

Her political career began with a 1962 Republican primary bid in the Fifth U.S. Congressional District. Egenes was the primary winner but lost the general election to Incumbent Congressman Neal Smith.

Prior to her political career, Egenes was a high school teacher in Randall for five years and also taught government at Iowa State University in 1960 and 1961. Her concern for education continued after leaving politics. Egenes was serving as a member of the Luther College Board of Regents at the time of her death and she had also been a member of a state commission on education.

Her other activities included



Sonja L. Egenes

membership in the Iowa Academy of Political Science, serving on the Landscape Critics Council and directing the choir at Immanuel Lutheran Church where she was a member for many years.

Egenes was a native of Minnesota who attended St. Olaf College and the University of Iowa. She earned her bachelor degree at ISU in 1951 and then continued her studies as a Fulbright scholar in Norway. Her Fulbright work centered on political history.

Egenes is survived by her husband John, Story City, and one son, Jay, Iowa City.

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