

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

made official in 1979 to contain general information

Name of **Representative** Holt, Leander Warren **Senator** Holt,

Leander Warren - Represented Clay, Dickinson, Emmet and Palo Alto Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 30 Aug 1909 Earlvilles, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Dorothy Buskirk 27 Jan 1937 Ottumwa, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business President and Chairman of the board of directors of St. Luke Lutheran Home; president of Iowa Automobile Dealers in 1968, named "Quality Auto dealer for Iowa" in 1972, Spencer citizen of the year in 1977  
B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Member of Iowa State Highway Patrol; auto dealer

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 68<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1979-1980

6. Public Offices  
A. Local

B. State State Drivers License Examiner for a number of years; director of the of the Iowa Safety Congress; director of Iowa Safety Congress 1950

C. National

7. Death 29 Oct 1997 Spencer, Iowa; buried Riverside Cemetery, Spencer, Iowa

8. Children John; Sandra (Mrs. Harry Blake); Barbara (Mrs. Bruce Rossman)

9. Names of parents Peter and Anna (Edwards) Holt

10. Education Educated in Ottowa, Iowa public schools and a  
graduate of Ottowa High School

11. Degrees Graduate of American Institute of Business, Des Moines,  
Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- When he was a young child he moved with his parents to a farm  
near Ottowa, Iowa
- In 1946 he resigned from the State Highway Patrol and became associated  
in the automobile business called Lee Hot Motors for many years
- He was the Special "Citizen of the Year" in 1977.
- 1977-1978 he served as chairman of the Board of Fellows of  
Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Photo by Dan Ross

Josie VanNess, 6, of Spencer cautiously walks through the final corridor of the Spencer Jaycee's haunted house Thursday night. The haunted house will be open tonight from 6 p.m. until about 1 a.m.

Peterson, with the Rev. Charles Hall officiating.

There will be no visitation. Warner Funeral Home of Spencer is in charge of arrangements.

## OBITUARIES

### Lee Holt

Lee Holt, 88, Spencer, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 1997, at St. Luke Lutheran Home, Spencer.



Funeral services will be Saturday, Nov. 1, at 10:30 a.m.,

at First English Lutheran Church, Spencer, with the Rev. Dr. Richard Kapfer officiating.

Visitation will continue today with the family present from 4-6 p.m. this evening.

Casket bearers will be John Cotton, Dan Maxwell, Sheridan Blaue, Terry Dandy, John Heien and Ron Muetzel.

Honorary casket bearers will be Eric Vander Woude, Karl Holt, Sam Rossman, Rebecca Rossmann, Laura Holt, Alec Vander Woude, Tyler Holt and Anna Rossmann.

Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Spencer, with Warner Funeral Home of Spencer in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be designated for Abben Cancer Center, Lee Holt Center for Adult Day Services or St. Luke Lutheran Home.

Leander Warren Holt, the son of Peter and Anna Edwards Holt, was born Aug. 30, 1909, in Earlville, Ill. As a small child, he moved with his parents to a farm near Ottosen. He

graduated from Ottosen High School and later from the American Institute of Business in Des Moines. In 1935, he was employed by the Iowa House of Representatives in the 46th General Assembly.

On June 27, 1937, he married Dorothy VanBuskirk in Ottosen.

Mr. Holt served for a number of years as State Drivers License Examiner and as a member of the Iowa Highway State Patrol. In 1946, he resigned from the Patrol and became associated in the automobile business. In 1964, he purchased the automobile dealership which bore his name, Lee Holt Motors, for many years. In 1978, he was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives where he served until elected to the Iowa Senate in 1982. After serving six years in the Senate, he retired from legislative duties.

He was a member of First English Lutheran Church where he served as an officer for 30 years. He also served six years on the board of the Lutheran Home Finding Society in Fort Dodge. In 1950, he was appointed as a director of the Iowa Safety Congress. He was president and chairman of the Board of Directors of St. Luke Lutheran Home from 1963-1993. He was president of the Iowa Automobile Dealers in 1968. In 1971, he served as chairman of the Revenue Committee for the Spencer

Centennial. *Time* magazine named him Quality Auto Dealer for Iowa in 1972. He was Spencer Citizen of the Year in 1977.

In 1977 and 1978, he served as chairman of the Board of Fellows of Augustana College in Sioux Falls. In 1978, he received the Northwood Institute award for support of education. He served on an advisory council for Iowa Lakes Community College and also on the state Board of Vocational Education Advisory Council. He served on the Legislative Council for AARP for the state of Iowa. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Spencer Industries Board, Spencer Rotary and the Golden K. He was a member of the Steering Committee in fund-raising for the Spencer Cancer Unit. In 1995, Governor Branstad appointed him to the State Judicial Nominating Commission.

Mr. Holt was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife; one son, John and his wife, Marla, of Marquette, Mich.; two daughters, Sondra Blake and her husband, Harry, of Tiburon, Calif., and Barbara Holt and her husband, Duane Rossmann, of Conroe, Texas; eight grandchildren; and three sisters, Alma Daniel of Ottosen; Gladys Jacobs of Fort Dodge; and Mavis Espinosa and her husband, Paul, of Mason City.

### Alice Mortenson

Alice Mortenson, 63, Spencer, died Sunday, Oct. 26, 1997, in a car accident north of Spencer on Highway 71.

Funeral services will be today at 1:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Emmetsburg, with the Rev.

Helmke and Brian Fieseler.

Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery, Emmetsburg, with the Martin-Mattice Funeral Home of Emmetsburg in charge of arrangements.

Alice Ellen Mortenson was born

Sept. 26, 1973, in Spencer. She had been disabled for 27 years and had lived in Spencer since 1988.

Mrs. Mortenson was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a sister.

She is survived by two sisters

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