

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Dreesgen,
Erwin L. - Represented the Sac, Calhoun and Pocahontas
Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 Aug 1920 Douglas Township, Adair County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Norma Crane 2 June 1946 Vail, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Named an Iowa Master Farmer in 1964; member of Ida County
Park Products County Cattlemen, Soil Conservation Commission and general
superior of Select Pkbs and Maple Valley Park, Annapolis

B. Civic responsibilities Seward; American Legion; Ida
County Historical Society

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 69th General Assembly, 1981-1982

6. Public Offices

A. Local past director of Omaha District of the Federated Land Bank of Omaha;

B. State Chairman of the Iowa State Soil Conservation Committee; past
director of the Iowa State Poultry Control Commission

C. National _____

7. Death 6 Dec 1986 Ida Grove, Iowa; buried Cushing Cemetery, Cushing, Iowa

8. Children Roger; Randall; Lanyce (Mrs Bryant Mills);
Carolyn (Mrs Brooks Christy)

9. Names of parents Rudolf and Louise Dreesgen

10. Education Graduate of Cushing High School, Cushing, Iowa
in 1937

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- Military service - World War II - U. S. Army
- After marriage, he and his wife farmed in Douglas Township of
Iowa County until 1981 when they retired to an acreage near
Cushing, Iowa.
- He served as an agricultural assistant to Congressman Wiley
Mayne for 3 years.

Services held for Elvie Dreeszen

Services were Tuesday afternoon for Elvie L. Dreeszen, 66, of Cushing at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cushing. The Rev. H.W. Schiller officiated with burial in the Cushing Cemetery with graveside military rites conducted by the American Legion.

Barker Funeral Home of Holstein was in charge of arrangements.

Dreeszen, an active farm leader and former state senator, died Saturday at Horn Memorial Hospital in Ida Grove after a short illness.

He was born Aug. 7, 1920 in Douglas Township in Ida County and graduated from Cushing High School in 1937. He served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater from 1942 to 1945.

On June 2, 1946 he married Norma Crane in Vail. The couple farmed in Douglas Township until 1981 when

they retired to an acreage near Cushing. In 1964 he was named an Iowa Master Farmer.

Mr. Dreeszen served three years as an agricultural assistant to Congressman Wiley Mayne. He also served as a state senator of Iowa in 1981 and 1982, and currently was serving his first term as chairman of the State Soil Conservation Committee.

His memberships were numerous and included: St. John's Lutheran Church, where he taught Sunday school for 28 years; Holstein Kiwanis International; F. Roger Baumann Post of the American Legion of Cushing; Farm Bureau; Ida County Pork Producers; Ida County Cattlemen; Ida County Soil Conservation commission and Select Pork and Maple Valley Pork Incorporated, where he served as general supervisor.

Mr. Dreeszen was also an active member of the Ida County Historical Society and served as chairman of the Moorehead House restoration committee. He also served as the master of ceremonies for the museum's dedication ceremony in May, 1985 (photo).

He was a past director of the Omaha District of the Federated Land Bank of Omaha and also a past director of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Commission.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Roger and Randall, both of Cushing; two daughters, Mrs. Bryant (Lanyce) Mills of Fountain Valley, Calif. and Mrs. Brooks (Carolyn) Chantry of Bloomington, Minn.; two brothers, Wesley of Cushing and Emmett of Ames; two sisters, Mrs. Lawrence (Ina) Volkert and Mrs. Verdean (Velma) Goettsch, both of Holstein; and six grandchildren.



Elvie Dreeszen

Open to
Members of
Historical Society
the Moorehead House
Ida Grove

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