Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Tyrell, Phillip Senator

Represented Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Kerkuk and Poweshiek Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 June 1932 Anthon, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Diane Graf 1955

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary

C. Profession Insurance agent

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 68th 69th 72nd 73rd 74th 75th 76th 77th 78th 79th General Assemblies 1979-1980, 1981-1982, 1987-1988, 1989-1990, 1991-1992, 1993-1994, 1995-1996, 1997-1998, 1999-2000, 2001-2002

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of North English, Iowa for one term

B. State

C. National

7. Death

8. Children Timothy; Patrick; John; Margaret (Mrs. Davis); Elizabeth (Mrs. Strempke); Sheila (Mrs. Knebel); Mary (Mrs. McCullough)

9. Names of parents Charles H. and Joanna Tyrell

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10. Education He was educated in the Spencer, Iowa public schools, graduating in 1950

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - Korean War - member of the 571 Airborne Reginental Combat Team for 3 years
- He and his wife moved to North English, Iowa in Aug 1971
He operated The English Valley Insurance Agency.
They have had foreign exchange students in their home from Brazil and Denmark.

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## Sources Log For Legislation Entries

### Applicability

| Source | Non Applicable | Applicable | Information obtained |
|---|---|---|---|
| - Iowa Official Register 1979-1980, p.104 | | | |
| - Our First 150 Years of North English 2004, p.876 | | | |

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# Our first 150 years

A collection of photos

stories, and memories

from North English, Iowa

with

"Pride in our Past and

Faith in our Future"

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# – The Phil and Diane Tyrrell Family –

Phil and Diane Tyrrell moved to North English in August 1971. They had been living in Des Moines, Washington, for six years prior to that. Phil was originally from Spencer, Iowa, and Diane's home was in St. Paul, Minnesota.

They purchased their home at 222 N. Mill St. from Mary Ott in 1972.

When the Tyrrells came to North English, Phil had purchased Keith Mason's insurance agency and called it the English Valleys Insurance Agency.

For 20 years, Phil served in the House of Representatives for the State of Iowa as a Republican legislator. He won his first election in 1978 and retired from office in 2002.

He also served as mayor of North English for one term before being elected to the legislature, and he was an active member of the Rotary Club and the North English Fire Department.

After the children were older, Diane decided to work outside the home and joined the staff at Evans Photography in 1976. She continues to work for Lifetouch National School Studios today.

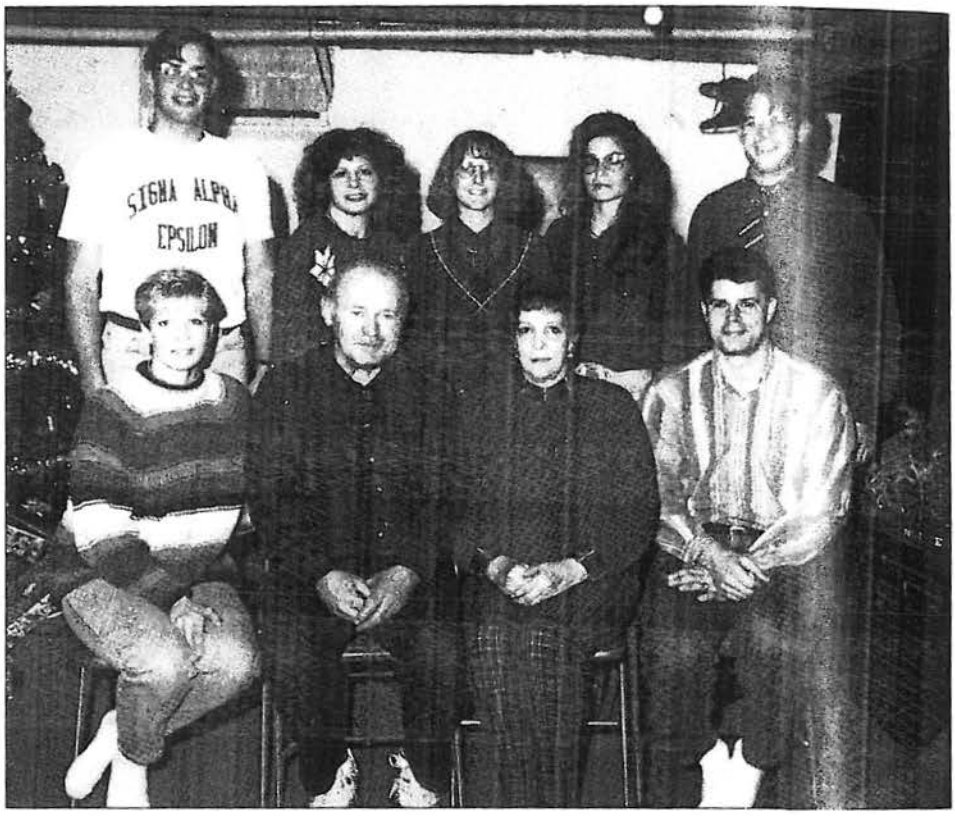
Diane was one of the founders of the Thrift Shoppe, and she has been on the board for the past 14 years. She has also been an active member of the GFWC – Fortnightly Club, and she has worked on several community projects over the years such as the North English Park Committee and numerous North English Celebration committees.

Diane has also been a member of the North English City Council for the past 12 years.

Phil and Diane are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and Diane has served on the Lay Council as well as the Religious Education program.

There are seven Tyrrell children, three sons and four daughters: Tim who lives in Marion, Iowa; Patrick who is in Edwardsville, Illinois; John who resides in Chantilly, Virginia; Margaret Davis who lives in Marengo, Iowa, Elizabeth Strempke who is in Hudson, Iowa, Sheila Knebel who resides in Anthem, Arizona; and Mary McCullough who is in Deep River, Iowa.

Phil and Diane also have 14 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The grandchildren are




**The Phil and Diane Tyrrell family: *back* John Tyrrell, Elizabeth Strempke, Mary McCullough, Sheila Knebel, Pat Tyrrell, *front* Margaret Davis, Phil and Diane Tyrrell, and Tim Tyrrell.**

Ashley and Andrew Tyrrell, Abbie (Kelley), Aaron, Adam, and Alex Axmear, Matthew and Mark Strempke, Austin Knebel, Bridget and Jackie McCullough, and Bensen, Ellery, and Regan Tyrrell. The great grandchildren are Noah, Nicholas, and Peyton Kelley.

The Tyrrells also enjoyed hosting four Rotary Club foreign exchange high school students: Carlos Conselmuegño and Bea Prado from Brazil and Marie Hansen and Jens Fahrendorff from Denmark.



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