

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Halls, James Dale Senator Halls, James Dale
Represented Linn County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 Aug 1928 Marathon, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Shirley Ann Clark 11 June 1950 Fort Dodge, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of Retail Wholesale Department Store Union, past president Credit Union Board

B. Civic responsibilities United Way; Commercial Club; Eagles

C. Profession Employee of Zacher Cattle Company at Cedar Rapids, Iowa

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th General Assemblies 1969-1970,

6. Public Offices 1971-1972, 1973-1974, 1975-1976, 1977-1978, 1979-1980 - House of Representatives
69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd General Assemblies 1981-1982, 1983-1984,
1985-1986; 1987-1988 - Senate

A. Local

B. State

C. National

7. Death 6 July 2010, Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children Linda (Mrs. King); Cheryl (Mrs. Meyer); Nancy (Mrs. Lodenmier)

9. Names of parents William Wallace and Florence (Peterson) Halls

Hells, James D.

10. Education He was educated in the Masons, Iowa public
schools; he attended some labor schools

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- Military service - served in the Army Reserve, 328th Combat
Battalion, attaining rank of Sergeant 1st Class
- He was well known for his campaigns to snuff out smoking in public
places in 1975. His plan came to fruition in 2008.

Missing pieces of former funeral home's history



Harvey Viall photos

...o, taken in the early 1950s, shows employees of the Cedar Rapids station of the Denver-Chicago Trucking Company, 1028 Third St. SE. Harvey Viall, now 83 and still living in Cedar Rapids, is standing second from the right. To his left is his father, also named Harvey Viall. At far left, standing, is manager Joseph Steggall, next to his brother, Larry Steggall. Some of Joseph Steggall's and Larry Steggall's children are still living in the Cedar Rapids area.

...o Cedar Rapids. The men began working at the trucking company at the time. Viall was the youngest and believes he is a survivor of its employ-

...w I was one of the last," Viall said. That's why he decided to call Rieckhoff, seeing an article in the Gazette, requesting information about the company's

...ould her that not only business ship food rather than war effort, but "not loads" of military shipments, accompanied by guards. Viall had a Kodak camera and was hired by his father as a photographer in 1948 to shoot



This photo, shot around 1948, shows the Cedar Rapids station of the Denver-Chicago Trucking Company, 1028 Third St. SE. The building was destroyed by a flood in 1973 until the 2008 flood.

...photos at the company. Viall provided those to Rieckhoff, as well.

"I'm just glad I could help," he said.

If the building is deemed historic, developers can recoup about 50 percent of rehabilitation costs in the form of tax credits. They also won't have to raise the structure above

flood level, which would make the project cost-prohibitive.

"This story could have died with him," said Rod Scott, president of Preservation Iowa, who is also working on the application. "Now we have pictures and now we have a story."

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C.R. lawmaker who introduced smoking ban dies

By James Q. Lynch
The Gazette

It took a while, but James Wells finally got his way.

The former Cedar Rapids legislator started the campaign to snuff out smoking when in 1975 he proposed a \$10 fine for lighting up in public.

When the Iowa Legislature approved a limited ban on smoking in the



Former Sen. James Wells
Died Tuesday

workplace in 2008, Wells, who died Tuesday in Des Moines, said he felt a certain sense of pride and accomplishment.

"It made me happy," said Wells, then 79. "I was proud to get the ball rolling."

He recalled he "caught hell" when he introduced his smoking ban 35 years ago.

"But I didn't give up," he said, not even after one of his colleagues registered his opposition by blowing smoke in Wells' face.

Wells was born Aug. 7, 1928, in Marathon. He worked for Quaker Oats in Cedar Rapids until retiring. He served in the Iowa House for 12 years and in the Senate for eight years.

In addition to introducing the first no-smoking legislation, he was instrumental in the initiation of state university license plates to help fund scholarships.

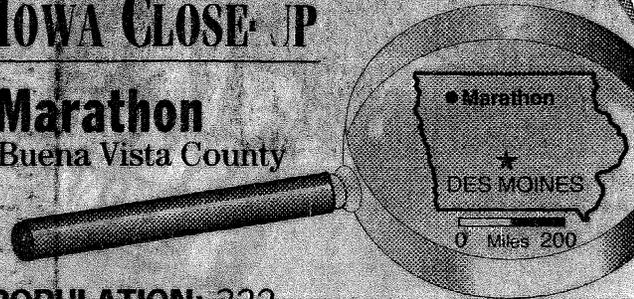
He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Shirley, and daughters, Linda King, Cheryl Meyer and Nancy Lodermeier.

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Marathon

Buena Vista County



POPULATION: 322

FOUNDED: 1883

TOP EMPLOYER: First Cooperative Association.

HOW IT WAS NAMED: President of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad let his daughter, who was studying Greek mythology, name the town. She named it after the site of a Greek battle that also inspired the name of 26.2-mile foot races.

CLAIM TO FAME: Streets also have Greek names, such as Neptune, Attica and Sparta.

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