

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Shoring, Donald H. Senator _____

Represented District 3; lives Sioux City, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Jul 1915 Battle Creek, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Gracie Richards

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Scoutmaster; American Legion;

C. Profession Operations manager for Hestig House

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 71st 72nd 73rd 74th General Assemblies 1985-1986;
1987-1988; 1989-1990; 1991-1992

6. Public Offices

A. Local Sioux City Councilman 1966-1969;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 11 Feb 1999 Sioux City, Iowa; buried Graceland Park Cemetery, Sioux City, Iowa

8. Children Janith (Mrs. Duff); Mary (Mrs. Klemm)

9. Names of parents Hartwig Heinrich and Marie (Mayer) Shoring

10. Education Graduate of Dubuque High School, Dubuque, Iowa

11. Degrees He graduated from International Business Men's School at Scranton, Pennsylvania and American Business Men's School at Oak Park, Illinois

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - World War I - U.S. Army
- His first job was working as a printer and sold appliances for 14 years and then becoming the company's branch administrative manager, later serving as general administrator, Civil Service personnel director and safety director for Woodbury Co.

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Shoning, former public servant, dies

By Kate Thompson
Capitol correspondent

DES MOINES — Donald W. Shoning died Thursday in Sioux City.

The former city council member and state representative will be missed by his family, friends and the community, said Rep. Christopher Rants, R-Sioux City.

"Don Shoning was a true public servant in every sense of the word and I can't think of a higher compliment than that," Rants said. "Not only his family but his church and the community will miss him."

Shoning was 83. A native of Battle Creek, Iowa, Shoning graduated from Danbury High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 through 1945 and moved to Sioux City in 1946.

He joined Westinghouse Electric Supply Co. as a price clerk and sold appliances for 14 years before becoming the company's branch administrative manager. He later served as zoning administrator, Civil Service personnel director and safety director for Woodbury County.

He served on the Sioux City City Council from 1966 to 1969. In 1984, he ran for state representative in the 3rd District which includes the Morningside area of Sioux City, where he had lived since 1946.

Shoning became a Republican state lawmaker in January 1985, a time when Democrats had control of the Legislature. He served four terms in the Iowa House before stepping down in 1992, the year Republicans reclaimed control of the House.

"He was truly a fine gentleman," said Sen. Steve Hansen, D-Sioux City. "He worked very hard for the people."

Hansen said Shoning stayed interested in legislative issues even after leaving office and regularly communicated with state lawmakers with ideas and suggestions.

"Don brought a certain degree of respect and civility to his position and I think he treated it with honor," Hansen continued. "To me that's the highest tribute that can be paid."

Shoning worked particularly hard on senior citizen issues, said House Speaker Ron Corbett, who served with Shoning in the Legislature. One of the issues for which Shoning is remembered is spousal impoverishment, Corbett said.

Shoning worked to change laws which forced the wife or husband of someone in a nursing home to spend

down all of their savings and assets before receiving state assistance.

"It was too bad he never had a chance to be in the majority," Corbett said.

The fact that he achieved results even in the minority is particularly remarkable, said Rants.

"He was able to work with both Democrats and Republicans," Rants said. "That is demonstrated by what he was able to get accomplished as a member of the minority."

House Majority Leader Brent Siegrist, R-Council Bluffs, came to the Legislature the same year that Shoning was elected. The two sat next to each other for part of the four terms that Shoning served and were friends.

"He could be a little feisty at times," Siegrist said. "He had certain beliefs that were very strong and occasionally would chafe under party politics. Occasionally, he went his own way."

When Shoning believed the party was headed in the wrong direction on some issue, he would voice his opinion and then, usually, quietly vote the way he believed was right, Siegrist said.

"I'll remember him as a guy who really wanted to represent Sioux City because Sioux City didn't get the respect it deserved and he felt very strongly about public education," he said. "I am saddened by his passing."

A member of Grace United Methodist Church, Shoning served on the church board and as a teacher of Sunday School. He began Boy Scout work as a scoutmaster in 1946 and worked with Grace Church's troop for many years.

"I knew Don as a gracious man who was committed to the church and the common good," said the Rev. Bill Steward of Grace United Methodist Church. "He could always be counted on to be there and to be encouraging and supportive of his friends and people in the congregation."

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Grace United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Graceland Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at a Masonic Lodge service at 7 p.m. at Christy Smith Funeral Home.

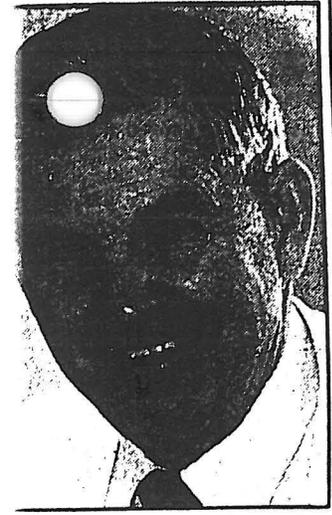
Survivors include his wife, Grace; daughters Janith Griffith of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Mary Klauer of San Diego, Calif.; grandchildren Scott Griffith of Sioux City and Kirsten Griffith of Marion, Iowa, and three great-grandchildren, Heath, Lacy Jo and Jake Griffith. He also is survived by siblings LaVerne Stein of Havana, N.D., and Marion Bell of Danbury and many nieces and nephews.



Shoning



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Hog assistance

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Many South Dakota farmers who are struggling to recover from some of the lowest pork prices in decades don't qualify for a new federal assistance program because they sold too many hogs.

"This program misses a lot of independent farmers who run typical operations," said Alpena hog farmer Randy Burnison, who is not eligible for the aid. "A lot of guys I've talked to are just like me. It's kind of a slap in the face."

Friday marked the last day for hog farmers to sign up for up to \$50 million in emergency payments being

Bill guaranteeing

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A proposal that would guarantee a 3 percent budget increase to South Dakota schools has survived its first legislative test.

On a vote of 8-2, the House Education Committee on Thursday approved a bill that would wipe out a requirement that state aid goes up at the rate of inflation if it's less than 3 percent.

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Hartwig Heinrich Schoening

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Birth **8 Jul 1915** in Battle Creek, Iowa, USA
Death **11 Feb 1999** in Sioux City, Iowa, Woodbury, USA

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Timeline (View details)

1915
8 Jul Birth
Battle Creek, Iowa, USA

1999
11 Feb Death
Sioux City, Iowa, Woodbury, USA
Age: 83

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Family Members

Parents

Hartwig Heinrich Schoening
1875 - 1950

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1930 United States Federal Census

Name: **Donald W Shoning**

Home in 1930: **Maple, Ida, Iowa**
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Age: **14**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1916**

Relation to Head of House: **Son**

Father's Name: **Harvey H**

Mother's Name: **Mary**

Race: **White**

Occupation:

Education:

Military service: [View image](#)

Rent/home value:

Age at first marriage:

Parents' birthplace:

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Harvey H Shoning	45
	Mary Shoning	53
	Elmer H Shoning	20
	Donald W Shoning	14
	Louise L Shoning	12
	Laverne M Shoning	10
	Marion B Shoning	6

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Description:

Containing records for approximately 123 million Americans, the 1930 United States Federal Census is the largest census released to date and is the most recent census available for public access. The census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1930, and contains information about a household's family members and occupants including: birthplaces, occupations, immigration, citizenship, and military service. The names of those listed in the census are linked to actual images of the 1930 Census. [Learn more...](#)

