

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Ziemann,
Lyle E. - Represented Clayton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12 May 1921 Clayton County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Lyle B. Harrison 19 Oct 1941 probably Clayton County, Iowa
② Beverly Anderson

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business Director of Postville State Park since 1957
B. Civic responsibilities Lions Club, Farm Bureau
C. Profession Farmer (large dairy and hog operations) 1941-1977

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th General Assembly 1992-2000

6. Public Offices
A. Local Allamakee County Supervisor 14 years, Postville Iowa school board member 25 years
B. State _____
C. National _____

7. Death 25 Jan 2003 Rochester, Minnesota

8. Children Mark; Nile; James; John; Sue (Mrs. Walter Miro) and two step daughters

9. Names of parents Elmer and Adaila (Meyer) Ziemann

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10. Education Education in the schools of Postville, Iowa

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- First wife, Leah, born 13 Oct 1923, died 29 Jan 1987
- The family moved into Postville in 1976

Lyle Zieman, former Iowa senator, dies

Lyle E. Zieman, a former Iowa state senator from Postville, died of an aneurysm Saturday at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn. He was 81.

Mr. Zieman, a Republican, served two terms in the Senate from 1992 to 2000 before retiring.



He was also a farmer.

His son, Mark Zieman of Postville, also a Republican, was elected from his father's Senate district in 2000.

Zieman

Senate Majority Leader Stewart Iver-

son, a Dows Republican, said Zieman "was a hard worker and very thoughtful. He was a tremendous asset to the people of Iowa."

With the exception of budget meetings, the Senate is expected to conduct little business today because many of its members plan to attend Zieman's funeral.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; four sons, Mark of Postville, Nile and James of Luana, and John of St. Simons Island, Ga.; a daughter, Sue Miro of Urbandale; two stepdaughters, Gayle Cedar of Cherokee and Linda Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister, Gretchen Stuhr of Cedar Rapids; 12 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Leah.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Postville. Schutte Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Postville is handling arrangements.

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Allamakee County, Iowa

County, Iowa in 1924 to Caroline (ig) and Henry Beneke. oline Koenig was born in Union City ship in 1885 and Henry Beneke came to ca from Germany about 1874 when he was 24. They were married in 1904 and by their eighth child. They farmed in i City, Township.

ald and Dorothy were married in 1941 ter farming in Minnesota and trucking in nsin they moved to the Waukon area in Six children were born to them.

ald was born in 1942 in Long Prairie, esota. He graduated from Waukon and can Institute of Business in Des Moines. 52 he married Norma Herman, the daugh- Alma (Sivesind) and Roland Herman of on, five children were born to them. Lisa,

Christine, David and Heidi. Donald d in the insurance business and currently is president of Delta Life and Annuity in phis, Tennessee. Darryl was born in 1946 in Prairie, Minnesota. He graduated from on and after enlisting in the Air Force and ng in Des Moines and managing Brown's ce Station in Waukon, he began working for

owa Department of Agriculture as a scale ctor. In 1965 he married Rosalie Martin, aughter of Reva (Ames) and Ralph Martin. had two children, Loralie and Martin.

vid was born in 1949 in Caledonia, Minne- He was a student at Waukon High School he was killed in an automobile accident.

ne was born in 1953 in Waukon. She gradu- from Waukon and the University of Iowa. married John Van Pelt of Iowa City. They two sons, John and Bryan. John is currently rintendent of Schools in New Sharon, Iowa Darlene is employed in Lynn County rds Department as a computer analyst.

ennis was born in 1955 in Waukon. He grad- l from Waukon and from Des Moines Area munity College. He married Julie Mattson ta and four sons were born to them, i, 1, th, Aaron and Evan. Dennis owns n's Heavy Equipment Repair Business in s, Iowa.

niel was born in Waukon in 1959. He grad- l from Waukon and attended Hawkeye i in Waterloo, and University of Minnesota ring in law enforcement and graduated i the Police Academy in Des Moines. He ed Wanda Fish, the daughter of Sandra fer) and Wayne Fish. They have two chil- , Shannon and Donald. Daniel is currently a ity sheriff in Boone County Iowa.

onald Brown was a livestock hauler and hog r in Allamakee County from 1951 until his h in 1981.

rothy Brown married Armin Wuennecke in t. He was born in 1925 to John and Ella merslage) Wuennecke. They were farmers nion City Twp. Armin served in the U.S. v and then became a bookkeeper. He is cur- ly employed at Welch Feed and Fertilizer at ikon.

PHILLIP ALFRED YOUNG

Phillip Alfred Young is the son of Jesse Willet- ed Young and LaVonne Winnefred (Safford) ng of rural Hesper Township in Winneshiek nty. Jesse was born on 8-29-1918, the son of ed Jacob Young 2-21-1890 to 9-13-1975 and na Karine (Grindelnd) Young 10-20-1891 -27-1924. Jesse married LaVonne on 2-14- 2. LaVonne was born 7-5-1924, the daughter oseph Erwin 7-29-1899 to 5-10-1971 and y Margaret (Entsminger) Safford 6-23-1901 2-19-1968. Jesse and LaVonne had four chil- i, F t, Emma, Phillip and Willet. ob- esse, born 10-24-1942, married San- (Brainard) on 8-23-1969. She was born on 5-1948. They had three children, Bobbie e 6-29-1970, Ronald Jesse 8-29-1972 and icy Lou 2-23-1976. They farmed in Hesper vntship in Winneshiek County until Robert's th (farm accident). Sandra remarried to Vern le on 12-23-1985.



Brandon 7, Blair 4, Brea 2 April 1986 Sheryl and Phillip Young

Emma Marie, born 10-3-1945, married Fred- erick Irvin Thompson on 6-25-1966, who was born on 12-1-1934. They had three children, Frederick Jr. 1-1-1967 to 1-3-1967 (who died of premature birth), Kathryn Emma 4-27-1972 and Maynard Irvin 6-5-1977. They farmed near Dor- chester, Ia., until Frederick's death 2-8-1987.

Willet Erwin, born 1-13-1958, married Rhon- da Faye (Schacht) on 8-23-1980. Rhonda was born on 5-30-1959. They have two children, Shannon Faye 3-26-1983 and Jordan Robert 7-21-1986, they live and work in Decorah, Ia.

Phillip Alfred was born in Caledonia, Minn. on 4-6-1956. He married Sheryl Marlene (Mon- son) on 8-28-1976 at Scheie Lutheran Church in Fillmore County, Minn., where Phillip was con- firmed and a member. Together they have three children, Brandon Lee 8-11-1978, Blair Leigh 9-6-1981 and Brea Lea 2-15-1984. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Waukon.

Sheryl was born in Decorah, Ia. on 11-13-1957 and was raised on the family farm near Burr Oak until 1960 when they moved to Waukon. Sher- yl's father is Maynard Oscar-Kermit Monson born 1-6-1926 to the family of Oscar Adolph Monson 9-2-1902 to 2-1-1979 and Olga Johanna (Nelson) Monson 11-13-1899 to 2-11-1985. Sheryl's mother was Doris Leonette (Ruroden) Monson born 3-5-1934 and died 8-31-1985 of diabetic complications. Doris was the daughter of Lloyd Atto Ruroden 10-11-1906 to 4-17-1964 and Clara Mary (Gander) Ruroden born 12-1-1909. Maynard and Doris married on 6-24-1951. Sheryl's sister Shirley Ann born 6-4-1952, married 1-31-1971 to 1985 to Doug Thompson. Together they had one child Erica Nickoel born 5-10-1971.

Phillip and Sheryl met at Matter's Ballroom near Decorah, their favorite activity is dancing together. Phillip grew up and worked on the fam- ily farm and hired out to the neighbors as a farm laborer and also hauled race horses to Kentucky and other areas in the country. In 1976 Phillip moved to the Waukon area and started work at Burg Impl. (an International Harvester store) as a truck driver and mechanic, until the store closed in 1986 where at that time he started working for Reiser Impl. at the same location, as a parts man. He also worked as an auxiliary police officer until 1989 then went full time as a Waukon police officer.

Phillip enjoys collecting collectibles and refin- ishing antiques. He also enjoys family outings (camping and traveling).

ROBERT E. AND MARILYN J. HYDE ZEZULKA

Robert E. Zezulka, born August 14, 1941 to Raymond N. and Lorraine A. (Wild) Zezulka, of New Albin. He is the second of three sons, Roger of Haines City, Florida, Robert and William of Clarks Grove, Minnesota.

Robert's grandfather, Frank M. Zezulka immigrated to America from Czechoslovakia in 1899 at age 14. Robert's maternal grandfather was E.L. Wild, the eleventh of twelve children by George and Katherine Wild. They both immi- grated from Germany (near Wurtenburg) in 1862 before they married. One by sailboat taking

three months and the other by steamship taking three weeks.

Marilyn J. Hyde Zezulka, born November 21, 1940 to Donald J. and Eleanor P. (Cole) Hyde in Colesburg, IA. She is the younger of two chil- dren, Donald Jr. of Hazel Green, Wisc.

The first Hydcs, two brothers, came to Ameri- ca from England in 1625 and 1639, to settle in Massachusetts. Three generations later they



Robert Zezulka Family — L to R: Robert, Marilyn, Roxi, Renee and Robin.

were located in Green Co. Pennsylvania and later founded the town of Colesburg in Iowa. Maril- yn's maternal great-great-grandfather accom- panied his parents, Robert and Mary Ann Cole, to America in 1832 when they immigrated from Ely in Cambridgeshire, England.

Robert and Marilyn were married June 30, 1961 at Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church, New Albin, and have three daughters.

Robin (Harmon) born November 11, 1961 married Larry T. Harmon of Bondurant, IA (the son of Jerry Harmon) July of 1981. They have two daughters Bobbie Jo, born July 31, 1984 and Abby, born July 28, 1986. They own and operate the High Chaparral tavern and restaurant in New Albin and live just outside of town.

Roxi (Weymiller) born December 6, 1962, married Gary L. Weymiller of New Albin (the son of Leland Weymiller) August 1984. They own and operate several farms along the Upper Iowa River outside New Albin.

Renee (Mooney) born February 28, 1964, married Daniel J. Mooney of Lansing, IA (the son of James Mooney) June 1985. They live and work in New Albin.

Marilyn and Robert began farming 1966 in Elkport, IA and Marilyn taught school, earlier in New Albin, then in Elkader, IA. In 1969 they bought the E.H. Reiser farm, southside of New Albin and presently reside there.

LYLE AND LEAH (HARRIS) ZIEMAN

Johann Albert Ziemann (Albert) was born on December 14, 1860 in Jefferson Township, Clayton County. His wife Anna was born in the same township in 1870. They married in April of 1888 and started farming on some of the land his father owned, now owned by Lyle Ziemann. Albert and Anna died one day apart. A double funeral was held on October 8, 1950. Four chil- dren were born to this marriage: Clinda Wiehe, Elmer, Vurnie, and Estella.

Elmer married Adaila Meyer on February 15, 1915. They had four children: Leone, born in 1916; Lyle born in 1921; Robert, who died in infancy in 1925; and Gretchen, born in 1929. Elmer and Adaila retired in Postville at the time I, Lyle married Leah B. Harris from Castalia on October 19, 1941. Leah was born October 13, 1923 and passed away on January 29, 1987. She was a farmer, gardener, housewife and devoted mother.

We had four sons and one daughter. Mark, born January 1945, married Jennifer Overland from Postville in 1964. They live on an acreage in Allamakee County. They have four children; Wendy, born in 1965, married Kevin Sudden- dorf in 1988 and is teaching and living in Hous- ton, Texas; Becky, born in 1967, is a senior at the



Lyle Zieman

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls; Douglas, born in 1970, and Amy, born in 1977, both attend Postville schools.

Nile was born in October 1946 and married Donna Wahls from Postville in 1966. They live on a farm near Postville. They have three children; Charmion, born 1970, attends the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls; Sherman, born in 1973, and Lanny, born in 1981 are both students in the Postville school system.

Sue was born in April 1951 and married Walter Miro from Connecticut in Postville in June of 1985 and now lives in Columbia, Maryland. They have one son, Zachary, born in 1987.

We have twin sons, James and John, born in 1955. James married Lora Fritz from Postville in 1984 and they live in Postville and have son Ryan, born in 1985. John lives in Richland Hill, Georgia and married Delores Wells from Heinville, Georgia. They married in 1980 and have one son, Justin born in 1981.

We rented our farm in Clayton County in 1941 and several years later purchased it from my father. We operated a large dairy and hog operation and worked side by side from early morning until late at night and at the same time raised our family. Leah became afflicted with multiple sclerosis, which she lived with for over thirty years, ten of which she was confined to a wheelchair. She could not move her arms, hands, feet, or legs except when they would spasm, of which she had no control.

We sold our dairy herd and moved to Postville in 1976 and built a new home across from the swimming pool in 1978. Here she was able to watch the activity at the pool and was located such that our many friends could come to visit her. Although unable to talk very much, was able to answer with her eyes and expressions of her face.

In 1978, I was elected to the position of Allamakee County Supervisor and am still serving in that capacity. Submitted by Lyle Zieman

HERBERT AND MARIE ZIMMERMAN

Herbert William Zimmerman was born at the home of his parents December 15, 1912, Lansing, Iowa. He was the son of Christina (Schellhammer) Zimmerman and William Zimmerman. Herbert attended school at Center #2. His father was born in 1878 and died in 1936; his mother was born in 1889 and died in 1927. They were married in April 1910. Herbert's brothers and sisters are: Esther Humphreys, Walter Zimmerman, Sylvia Bakke, and Shirley Rose.

Herbert married Marie Kathryn Dougherty, born May 24, 1915, in Waukon, Iowa. She was

the daughter of Stella (Haas) and Leo Dougherty. Marie attended Makee Grade School, St. Patrick's High School and graduated from Waukon High School. Her father was born January 5, 1892 and died in 1970; her mother was born April 24, 1890 and died in 1954. They were married at St. Patrick's Church, Waukon, May 12, 1914. Marie's sisters are Leone Lippe and Stelle O'Hara.

Herbert and Marie Zimmerman were married June 8, 1937, at St. Mary's Lycurgus. They had two children. Janet was born November 18, 1944, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. She married Wayne Kreitzer August 9, 1969. Their children are Scott Michael, born May 11, 1976, and Kristina Marie, born March 11, 1981. Janet is employed as Business Manager/Board Secretary and Wayne as a high school guidance counselor



The Herbert and Marie Zimmerman Family

at the Howard-Winneshiek Schools in Cresco, Iowa, where they reside.

Scott is a sixth-grade student, and Kristina a second-grade student at Notre Dame Elementary School. Scott plays the piano, is in the school band percussion, enjoys sports and is a 4-H member. Kristina is enrolled in gymnastics, tap dancing classes, and takes piano lessons.

Leone Kay was born February 10, 1947, in Waukon, attended Center #2 Grade School, and graduated from Waukon High School in May, 1965. Kay was employed at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and is currently an assistant cashier at Farmers and Merchants Savings Bank, in Waukon. She is a member of the Waukon Golf and Country Club, and has served as President of the Allamakee County Banker's Association, Secretary of the Allamakee County March of Dimes, and Treasurer of St. Mary's Church, Lycurgus.

Herbert and Marie were members of St. Mary's Lycurgus Church until moving to Waukon in 1980, where they joined St. Patrick's Church.

Herbert was a farmer/feed salesman, served on the local parish council at Lycurgus, and was a member of the Farm Bureau.

He enjoyed playing cards, and sports, including playing ball, fishing, hunting, bowling, and traveling to major league games. Herbert enjoyed life, especially visiting with relatives and friends.

Marie worked as a salesclerk prior to her marriage, and retired as food service manager of the Allamakee Community Schools in 1985.

Herbert died on December 12, 1986, and is buried at St. Mary's, Lycurgus. Marie lives in Waukon and does volunteer work for the hospital auxiliary, and St. Patrick's School lunch program. She enjoys travel, embroidery, Bingo, visiting friends, and playing cards.

REVEREND FERDINAND AND ADELA vonKOTHEN ZISSLER

Reverend Ferdinand Zissler was born in 1875 in Herbord, Germany, near Frankfurt of Hessian parents, who operated a water wheel driven flour mill. His wife, Adela von Kothen, was born in 1878 in Barmen, Germany, near Bonn, of Prussian parents. Ferdinand first met Adela when he bought strings for his violin from her at the von Kothen Musik Haus in Barmen, her father, Peter

owned. Peter was an accomplished musician who led the Barmen Orchestra that once played for Kaiser Wilhelm. Ferdinand became a student at the Dutch operated Missionary Training School in Barmen, after serving the required two years in the German Army.

Upon graduating in 1901, Ferdinand was sent to Borneo of the Dutch Indies to replace a retiring missionary among the native Dyaks, some of whom were still fearsome headhunters. The old missionary taught him the native language. He also gave him his German Zither and taught him how to play it. Ferdinand loved music and had beautiful bass voice. If not with religion, he charmed the natives with his music.

Adela and Ferdinand had become engaged, in preparation to join him in his work, she was taking nurses' training. Unfortunately, after two years there, he had to return to Germany to recover from malaria. In 1904 they were married and came to America on their honeymoon, and to accept pastorship of a German congregation in Cambridge, Maryland. They had brought with them her sewing stand, a music box, a cuckoo clock, his violin and zither, and his long fluted ivory handled missionary pipes that were popular in school.

There Joann and Ella were born. In 1906 they took a church in Marion, South Dakota, where



Rev. Zissler Family — Back, Standing: Ella, Joann, Martha. Sitting: Mrs. and Reverend. Center: Alfred.

Martha was born. This was followed by a move to Muscoda, Wisconsin where I, Alfred Ferdinand, was born in 1910.

In late 1911 we moved to the Zalmona Presbyterian Church in Ludlow Township, Iowa, six miles from Waukon, the county seat of Allamakee. During 1917 Father was a professor at Redfield College, Redfield, South Dakota,



Rev. Zissler Family — Back, L-R: Martha, Alfred, Joann. Front, L-R: Rev., Roland, Mrs. Zissler (Adela)

denominational school closely associated with the University of Dubuque. There he taught Theology, Greek, Hebrew, and Latin, languages in which he had become very proficient. He also, of course, was fluent in German, Dutch, English and Dyak.

In 1918 Father served a church in Fredoni, North Dakota, located among the sweet corn wheat fields with big beautiful butterflies. On November 11th, 1918 I rang the church bell to proclaim Armistice, my weight being just enough to jump and swing it. More good news immediately followed. Zalmona Church wanted us back. So we loaded a freight car with all of our