

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Cornelius, Gerald E. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Jackson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 28 May 1935 Bellevue, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Wanda L. Burmahl 1 June 1958 Andrew, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of Cornelius Seed Corn Company; member of Board of directors of Iowa Seed Corn Association; member of the board of Regent of the State Bank

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Jaycees

C. Profession Farmer (lived on a century farm); owner of Cornelius Seed Corn Company

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 76<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1995-1996

6. Public Offices

A. Local Board of directors of Andrew Community School District; board of directors of Jackson County Fair

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 14 Dec 1995 Dubuque, Iowa; buried Andrew Cemetery, Andrew, Iowa

8. Children Charles; Nancy (Mrs. Lester Johnson); Julius (Mrs. Jay Jacob)

9. Names of parents Gilbert and Alice (Hilcox) Cornelius

Cornelius, Gerald E.

10. Education Educated in the Andrew, Iowa public schools  
graduating in 1952

11. Degrees Graduate of Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa in  
1956 with B.S. in Animal Science

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Awarded the Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer in 1970; awarded  
the Iowa Master Farmer in 1971; Mesquokite Rotary Outstanding  
Agribusinessman in 1993 and awarded the Jackson County  
Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award in 1995.
- Military service - he was in the Army Reserve

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Applicability

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Nativity Catholic Church, Dubuque; a former member of the school board at Marquette High School; and was a 4-H leader for many years at St. Catherine. He enjoyed restoring classic cars and tractors and was currently restoring his 1947 Hudson.

Survivors include his wife, Velma A. Hoppman, of Dubuque; three daughters, Carol M. (James) Watters, Sioux Center, Donna M. (Donald) Mottet, Bellevue, and Christine M. (Gary) Thompson, Boone; six sons, Phillip J. (Barb) Hoppman, Dallas, Tex., James J. (Linda) Hoppman, Jr., Dubuque, Dennis P. (Beth) Hoppman, Swaledale, Michael D. (Debra) Hoppman, Coralville, Jeffrey A. Hoppman, Omaha, Neb., and Paul A. (Christa) Hoppman, Shenandoah; 23 grandchildren and a great-grandson; a sister, Mrs. Robert (Mary Ann) Tugel, Rockford, Ill.; four brothers, Lloyd J. (Virginia) Hoppman and Thomas W. (Doris) Hoppman, both of East Dubuque, Ill., Paul C. (Cal) A. Hoppman, Hazel Green, Wis.

He was preceded in death by a son, Daniel G. Hoppman on June 26, 1983; and three brothers, Charles, Virgil, and Phillip Hoppman.

A James J. Hoppman, Sr. Memorial Fund has been established.

**George Biskynis**

George A. Biskynis, 72, of Houston, Tex., died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1995, after an extended illness.

Mr. Biskynis was born July 27, 1923. He resided in Houston since 1951.

Survivors include his wife, Georgena; two daughters, Rosalie and Francine; two sons, Richard and Larry; three grandchildren, all of

Houston, Tex., and a sister, Mrs. Don (Darla) Yeager, of Bellevue.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Elvira.

**Gerald Cornelius**

State Rep. Gerald E. "Jerry" Cornelius, 60, of rural Andrew died of cancer Thursday, Dec. 14, 1995 at Finley Hospital in Dubuque.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at Salem Lutheran Church in Andrew. Burial was in Andrew Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Carson & Son Funeral Home in Maquoketa.

Mr. Cornelius was born March 28, 1935 in Davenport to Gilbert and Alice Wilcox Cornelius. He graduated from Andrew High School in 1952 and from Iowa State University in 1956 with a bachelor of science degree in animal science.

He married Wanda L. Burmahl on June 1, 1958 in Andrew.

He was a lifelong farmer and lived on a century farm. He was president and co-owner of Cornelius Seed Corn Co. He served on the board of directors of the Iowa Seed Corn Association, the Andrew Community School District, Swiss Valley Ag Service, Maquoketa State Bank, Jackson County Farm Bureau and the Jackson County Fair.

He was an active member of Salem Lutheran Church in Andrew, where he was a choir member, organist and served on the church council.

He received numerous awards, including the Jaycee Outstanding Young Farmer Award in 1970, Iowa Master Farmer Award in 1991, Maquoketa Rotary Outstanding Agribusinessman in 1993

and the Jackson County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award in 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda; three children, Charles (and Chris) of Andrew, Nancy (and Lester) Johnson of Andrew and Julie (and Jay) Jacobi of Bloomington, Ill.; five grandchildren; his mother, Alice Cornelius of Andrew; and a brother, Paul, of Lexington, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his father.

In honor of his dedication to agriculture and education, a scholarship fund will be established in his name.

**Loan funds available**

Despite recent federal budget debates, the U.S. Farm Service Agency, formerly the Farmers Home Administration, has loan funds available to assist eligible farm operators, according to Robert Shearer, area FSA manager.

Loans from the agency assist farmers and ranchers by offering lower interest rates and longer terms for debt repayment. Loans can be made for several purposes, including purchase of machinery, livestock, real estate and crop inputs, Shearer noted.

Applicants must be unable to obtain credit from conventional lending sources to qualify for FSA loan assistance, Shearer said.

Past demand for operating loan funds has exceeded the supply; thus interested farm operators are encouraged to apply for assistance early, Shearer said. Applications and information are available at FSA county offices in Maquoketa and DeWitt.

**County museum shifts hour for winter**

The Jackson County Historical Society Museum in Maquoketa will be closed from Dec. 24 through Feb. 1 for display changes and renovation, society officials announced.

Limit museum tours for groups can be arranged by making advance arrangements, said Ron Horan, museum curator.

The society also announced office hours for the Dec. 24-Feb. 1 period.

The historical society office will be open from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Tuesday

**Holiday Hours**  
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**Saturday,**  
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**Closed Dec. 3**

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