

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Freeman, Mary Lou Senator Freeman, Mary Lou  
Lived at Alta, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 Oct 1941 Kandiyohe, Minnesota

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Hennie Freeman

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Profession Homemaker; substitute teacher

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 76<sup>th</sup> 77<sup>th</sup> 78<sup>th</sup> 79<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1995-1996;

6. Public Offices 1997-1998; 1999-2000; 2001-2002  
A. Local \_\_\_\_\_  
B. State \_\_\_\_\_  
C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 4 Sept 2006 near Alta, Iowa; buried

8. Children Mark; Sara (Mrs. John Below); Gary (Mrs. Ina Friedrich);  
Marci (Mrs. Edmund Ashley)

9. Names of parents Martin and Anna Luella Sophia (Backlund) Hankinson

Freeman, Mary Lou

10. Education Elementary education was attained at Father's Elementary  
School in Sandberg, Minnesota; graduate of  
Ullmar, Minnesota High School, 1959.

11. Degrees Attended Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota  
graduating with a degree in Elementary Education in 1963

12. Other applicable information Republican

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source      Non Applicable      Applicable      Information obtained

- Obituary - The Storm Lake Times, Storm Lake, Iowa,  
Dat. Sept. 9, 2006, p. 7A, col. 1, 2
- Iowa Official Register 1999-2000, p. 36
- Iowa Historical Society of Iowa Library (questionnaire)

## OBITUARIES



## Mary Lou Freeman

State Representative Mary Lou Freeman, age 64, died unexpectedly at her home near Alta on Monday, Sept. 4, 2005.

Funeral services and a celebration of Mary Lou's life will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alta, with Pastor Duane Olson officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Mary Louise Hawkinson was born Oct. 21, 1941 in Kandiyohi, Minn., to James Martin and Anna Luella Sophia (Backlund) Hawkinson. She had one older brother, James Marvin, whom she looked up to and adored.

Mary Lou spent an idyllic childhood in Kandiyohi with her family and friends Barb, Nancy, Pat and Sonja. She was a member of Ebenezer Lutheran Church where she was baptized and confirmed in the Lord's faith. She played organ for Sunday services through her college years, faithfully going home every weekend to play the old Swedish hymns that she so loved. Mary Lou attended Wittier Elementary in Kandiyohi and graduated high school in Willmar, Minn., in 1959. She attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., and graduated in 1963 with a degree in elementary education.

Mary Lou was the mother of four children. She was a loving, caring mother who taught her

death. Her career as an Iowa Legislator was a source of honor for Mary Lou and her family. The work she did to protect our natural resources was of great importance to her. She won numerous awards for the work she accomplished. Mary Lou was a quiet, positive leader, always looking out for the best way to find solutions for her state. At the time of her death, Mary Lou was Chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee and served on the Commerce, Human Resources and Natural Resources Committees.

In the past year, Mary Lou has been a survivor of breast cancer. Her positive, upbeat attitude has helped her, as well as her family and friends, as she underwent surgery and treatment for this disease. She was cancer-free at her death. A 65th birthday party was being planned by her family for October, to celebrate Mary Lou's life.

Left to cherish her memory are her son Mark and wife Chris Freeman and their children, Erin, Tara, Megan and Dawson, of Lititz, Penn.; daughter Sara and husband John Rekow and their children, Emily Louise and Anna Sophia, of Chaska, Minn.; daughter Cary and husband Todd Friedrich and their sons, Ryan and Ross, of Alta; and daughter Maret Freeman and husband Edmund Ashley and their children, Peter Martin and Helen Elizabeth, of Portland, Maine; sister-in-law Helen Hawkinson of Kandiyohi, Minn.; her nieces and nephews: Jim and Mary Hawkinson; Marcia and Gary Holt and their children Hannah, Jacob and Rebekah; Brad and Kris Hawkins and their children Molly, Heidi and Charlie; and Bill Hawkinson; Swedish daughter, Kristina Helder; many other family members and a host of friends.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, and her great-niece Jennifer Hawkinson.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established by the family.

Raymond Keith (1947). Dean and Eunice were married for 48 years until Dean's death on Aug. 9, 1990.

All of Eunice's life was spent in Buena Vista County, except for 1976-86, when the Wises farmed near Cowgill, Mo. They retired and moved to Storm Lake in 1986. In 2001, Eunice moved to Wichita, Kan., to be near her daughter and family. After suffering two strokes in August 2005, Eunice lived in a nursing home.

Those left to cherish Eunice's memory are her son, Roger of Sheridan, Ore.; her daughter, Roberta (Rollie) Monson of Wichita, Kan.; her son, Raymond of Lincoln, Mo.; grandchildren: Roxanne Spratte, Rodney (Donna) Wise of Guthrie Center; Roianda (David) Maness of El Dorado, Kan.; Rob (Kelli) Monson of Cheney, Kan.; Reg (Shannon) Monson of Cheney, Kan.; Temple Wise and Tony Wise; 16 great-grandchildren: Shelby Spratte, Chance and Ethan Wise, Amanda, Jay, Josh, Jon Jared and Justin Maness, Riley Gilley, Tucker Monson, Emily Monson, Brandon, Brian, Christopher and Kimberly Wise; sister Lavon Swink; extended family and friends.

Eunice was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dean Wise; brothers Ernest, Wesley, Vernley and Cardia; and her sister, Naomi Nelson.



## William McMullen

William "Bill" McMullen, age 79, of Webb, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2006 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in



# STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY of IOWA

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NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE OR SENATOR Mary Louise freeman

1. BIRTHDATE AND PLACE 10-12-1941 Willmar, Mn.

2. MARRIAGE(S) TO WHOM/DATE/PLACE N/A

3. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_

B. CIVIC DUTIES \_\_\_\_\_

C. PROFESSION \_\_\_\_\_

4. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION\* Lutheran

5. NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS SERVED 2 sessions / Senate

6. PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

A. LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_

B. STATE \_\_\_\_\_

C. NATIONAL \_\_\_\_\_

7. CHILDREN MARK, SARA, CARY, MARET, 9 grandchildren

8. NAMES OF PARENTS Luella BACKLUND HAWKINSON, James MARTIN HAWKINSON

\*Optional information

9. EDUCATION Willmar High School, Willmar, Mn.

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Mn.

10. DEGREES ATTAINED B.A. Gustavus Adolphus College

11. OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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