

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Thomson, Rosemary Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Resides at Marion, Iowa in Linn County

1. Birthday and place 12 Dec 1935 Hyonung, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place  
James M. Thomson 23 June 1957 Elmwood, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Linn County Strategic Planning Committee, Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce, American Cancer Society

C. Profession Student assistance coordinator for Linn-Mar schools, teacher

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 76<sup>th</sup> 77<sup>th</sup> 78<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1995-1996, 1997-1998, 1999-2000

6. Public Offices \_\_\_\_\_

A. Local Linn County Republican Annex

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

C. National She had worked for the United States Department of Education, District Advisory Council on Home Education Programs

7. Death 19 Jan 2009 Marion, Iowa, buried Swarthlake Memorial Park, Peoria, Illinois

8. Children Scott; Craig

9. Names of parents Ray and Evelyn (Koppel Oliverell) Thompson

Thomson, Rosemary

10. Education He graduated from Elmwood High School, Elmwood,  
Elmwood, Illinois

11. Degrees He earned a B.S. in Humanities/Education from Bradley  
University, Peoria, Illinois

12. Other applicable information

Republican  
He was elected to the Iowa Legislature during a special election  
during 1995, filling a seat vacated by Mary Landby after she  
was elected to the Senate.



*Adrian Rapch  
Dorothy  
Jan 21, 2009  
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**Rosemary Thomson, 73**, of 2220 Timber Creek Dr., Marion, went to be with the Lord on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at the Dennis and Donna Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy, Hiawatha. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday at 4 p.m. at New Covenant Bible Church, 1800 46th St. NE, Cedar Rapids, by Pastor James Wartian, with a gathering of friends following. Private burial will be on Saturday at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens, Peoria, Ill. Teahen Funeral Home, Cedar Rapids, is serving the family.



Rosemary is survived by her husband, Jim; two sons, Scott (Jan) of Garwin and Craig (Mary) of Simpsonville, S.C.; 12 grandchildren, Steven, Michael, Laura, Sarah, Amy, Ian, Amber, Ashleigh, Destiny, Britney, Tabytha and Michele; three great-grandchildren; and a former daughter-in-law, Jill Thomson.

Her parents, a sister and a brother preceded her in death.

Rosemary was born Dec. 22, 1935, in Wyoming, Ill., to Ray A. and Emilie Kroepel Clinebell. She graduated from Elmwood High School, Elmwood, Ill., and Bradley University, Peoria, Ill., where she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, receiving the Carnation Award for Outstanding Public Service in 2002. She married James N. Thomson on June 23, 1957, in Elmwood, Ill.

Rosemary taught school in Peoria and was student assistance coordinator for Linn-Mar schools, Marion, worked in community development for Iowa State University Extension and had written for Christian publications.

Rosemary had an extensive history in Republican grass roots politics in Illinois and Iowa, beginning as an "I Like Ike" girl in President Eisenhower's 1956 campaign. She served in the Reagan/Bush administration, where she held several positions at the U.S. Department of Education. As Region V representative for Secretary of Education William J. Bennett, Thomson advanced the department's "What Works: The Challenge for Schools Without Drugs" in six states. She was named by the first Bush administration to the National Commission on Drug-Free Schools.

In 1995, Rosemary was elected to three terms in the Iowa General Assembly, representing House District 51 until 2001. As the only state-certified substance abuse prevention specialist in the Iowa Legislature, she worked to develop and enact tough drug legislation, including denial of state and federal benefits to those using or selling illegal substances. She supported drunk driving laws for adults and underage drinkers, and limit-

Marion; a son, Steve (Marcie) Van Note of Cedar Rapids; daughters, Cheryl Van Note of Bloomington, Minn., and Connie Van Note of Eagan, Minn.; grandchildren, Derrick and Taylor Sommerfeld and Kiley Van Note; great-grandchild, Dillon Sommerfeld; a sister, Darlene (John) Pruett of Cedar Rapids; a brother, Milton (Jeanette) Hale of Cedar Rapids; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, LaVerna Hensch and Gladys Sprague; and brothers, Walter, Richard, Grant and Bill Hale.

Dorothy was born July 18, 1923, the daughter of David E. and Elizabeth (Mefferd) Hale, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She graduated from Wilson High School in Cedar Rapids in 1943. Dorothy met Ronald at the roller skating rink in 1945 and they were married at Calvary Baptist Church in Cedar Rapids on June 6, 1947. She was a homemaker, loving wife, mother and grandmother who was devoted to her family and friends. Her encouragement and active participation in the family business were instrumental to the success of Van Note Construction Co. Dorothy was an active member of Marion Christian Church for 55 years, helping to form the church youth club and singing in the choir. She shared in her husband's hobby of old cars and they held joint memberships in two Cedar Rapids organizations: Antique Automobile Club and Vintage Chevrolet Club.

Dorothy enjoyed gardening, flowers, music and spending time with family and friends. She will be remembered for her exceptional generosity and caring nature. She will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Dorothy's memory.

Please sign the online guest book for Dorothy at [www.murdochfuneralhome.com](http://www.murdochfuneralhome.com) under obituaries.

## HIAWATHA

**Richard Paul Legore, 79**, died peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, at Promise House in Hiawatha.



Richard was born Oct. 29, 1929, to Einar and Mildred Stapleton Legore in Scranton, Iowa. He graduated from Scranton High School in 1947. He worked as an auto mechanic for 25 years in Scranton and Jefferson. Richard married Muriel Field in 1952. They moved to Des Moines in 1959. He spent 25 years working as a mechanic at Pirelli Armstrong Tire and Rub-

