

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Ragan,
Armand E.

1. Birthday and place 20 Sept 1954 Mason City, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Shirley Thakman 12 July 1975 Rockwell, Iowa (divorced)
(2) James H. Ragan 21 Jan 1995 Mason City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Chamber of Commerce

C. Profession Executive Director of Community Action of North Iowa, Incorporated and
Green Tree Apartments of Mason City. Member on Ethics; farmer

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 79th 80th 81st 82nd 83rd General Assembly 2001-2002;
2003-2004; 2005-2006; 2007-2008; 2009-2010

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death _____

8. Children Edith M. Thakman; Charles J. Thakman

9. Names of parents John and Edith Boedekers

10. Education Graduate of Rockwell - Invalids High School, 1913

11. Degrees A.D. of North Iowa Community College; B.A. in Normal Studies and
major in Agency Administration from Buena Vista University, Storm Lake
Iowa - cum laude

12. Other applicable information Amateur

She was raised on a farm near Rockwell, Iowa, where she farmed and lived
for 36 years raising cattle and crops.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- State of Iowa Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (HAWK-I) Board of Directors.
- Iowa Department of Public Health Birth Defects Advisory Committee.
- Mason City Chamber of Commerce Diplomat; Named Diplomat of the Year in 1998 & 2001.
- Charter Member and Past Vice-President, Board of Directors, Northern Lights Homeless Shelter.
- Vice-Chairperson, City of Mason City Sesquicentennial Committee for 2003.
- Secretary - Treasurer, North Iowa Fund-Raising Professionals Association.
- 2nd District Committeewoman, Iowa Democratic Party State Central Committee.
- Vice-President, Council of Social Agencies.
- Former Member, Board of Directors, Kinney Pioneer Museum.
- Member, Board of Directors, NAMASTE Outreach Collaborative (healthcare access).
- Member, Mason City Census 2000 Committee.
- Past Member, Council of Social Ministries, Trinity Lutheran Church.
- Member, Board of Directors, Mason City Sunrise Rotary.
- Member, North Iowa Band Festival Planning Committee.
- Past Member, Buena Vista University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

EDUCATION

- Cum Laude Graduate, Buena Vista University. Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human Services with a Minor in Agency Administration.
- Graduate of NIACC with an Associate Degree; Dean's List all four semesters.
- Graduate of Rockwell - Swaledale High School; State of Iowa Scholar.

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RESUME OF SENATOR AMANDA RAGAN

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF AMANDA RAGAN

- **AMANDA RAGAN:** 48 years of age. Raised on a farm near Rockwell, Iowa. Farmed and lived on the home place for 36 years, raising cattle and crops. Currently the Executive Director of two Mason City-based non-profit agencies dedicated to feeding those in need - - The Community Kitchen of North Iowa and Meals On Wheels. Manages day-to-day operations for both agencies, including extensive work with recruiting and organizing volunteers. Performs administrative activities, which include community relations, fundraising, grant writing, interaction with other social service agencies, and publicity. Manages the day-to-day operations of The Kitchen which involve planning meals, coordinating with volunteer agencies and individuals to prepare the meals, supervising the community service workers, and the maintenance and up-keep of the building and facilities. For Meals On Wheels, organizes the routes, schedules the volunteer drivers, sees to it that statements are mailed to clients, revenues received, and properly deposited.

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

- Elected to Iowa State Senate, representing Senate District 7, in the General Election held November 5, 2002.
 - Elected by peers to be Assistant Minority Leader of the Democratic Caucus.
 - Serves as Ranking Member on Senate Human Resources Committee.
- Elected to Iowa State Senate, representing Senate District 10, in a special election held on March 12, 2002.
- Since 1992, has served as a 2nd District Representative to Iowa Democratic State Central Committee.
- Member, Cerro Gordo County Democratic Central Committee; registered Democrat since 1972.
- Past Co-Chairperson, Cerro Gordo Re-Elect Clinton - Gore Committee.
- Legislative Assistant in State Legislature to Representative Ed Parker, and, later, Assistant House Majority Leader John Groninga, 1987 - 1989.
- Organizer of Cerro Gordo County Election Day activities and Democrat Get-Out-The-Vote efforts in 1978, 1984, 1988, 1990, 1992, and 1996; active volunteer in 1998 and 2000 campaigns.
- Volunteer and Coordinator for Democratic Presidential, Senatorial, Congressional, State, and County Campaigns since 1972.
- Volunteer in Congressman Berkley Bedell's District Congressional Office, 1982 - 1986.
- Legislative Page in the Iowa State Senate, 1973 Session.

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- NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE OR SENATOR AMANDA E. RAGAN
1. BIRTHDATE AND PLACE 20 SEPT 1954 MASON CITY, IOWA
2. MARRIAGE(S) TO WHOM/DATE/PLACE THOMAS WESHMAN 12 JULY 1975 ROCKWELL, IA (DIVORCED)
JAMES H. RAGAN 21 JANUARY 1995 MASON CITY, IA
3. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- A. BUSINESS Executive Director, Community Kitchen of North Iowa, Inc.
AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MASON CITY MEALS ON WHEELS
- B. CIVIC DUTIES DISTRICT COMMITTEEWOMAN, IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE - 10 YEARS OF SERVICE
- C. PROFESSION MASON CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIPLOMAT;
NAMED DIPLOMAT OF THE YEAR IN 1998 & 2001
4. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION* LUTHERAN
5. NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS SERVED 2 (as of JAN 2003)
6. PUBLIC OFFICES HELD
- A. LOCAL _____
- B. STATE SENATOR FOR DISTRICT 10 / SENATOR FOR
DISTRICT 7 (reapportioned)
- C. NATIONAL _____
7. CHILDREN EDITH M. WESHMAN & CHARLES J. WESHMAN
8. NAMES OF PARENTS JOHN & EDITH BOEDEKER

*Optional information

Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

9. EDUCATION ROCKWELL - SWALEDALE HIGH SCHOOL (1973) / NORTH IOWA AREA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE (NEACC) / BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY

10. DEGREES ATTAINED ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE - NEACC / BACHELOR
OF ARTS DEGREE - BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY

11. OTHER _____

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