

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Gross,
George William - Represented Woodbury County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 Jul 1929 Sioux City, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Chloe J. Hubton 31 Dec 1947 Sioux City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business Member of Western Iowa Tech. Community College Board
B. Civic responsibilities Chamber of Commerce; Rotary; Mason
C. Profession Pharmaceutical sales

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 64th General Assembly 1971-1972

6. Public Offices
A. Local Mayor of Sioux City; city councilman; city clerk
B. State _____
C. National _____

7. Death 1 Dec 1993 Sioux City, Iowa; buried Graceland Park Cemetery, Sioux City, Iowa

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents Carl L. and Bonnie (Yeager) Gross

10. Education Educated in the Iowa City schools and a graduate
of Central High School in 1947

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

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of the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce, met Thursday with six Iowa legislators to vent frustration with the IPDC.

Iowa Product Development Corporation is a part of the Department of Economic Development designed to provide equity financing to new businesses in the state.

aid to IPDC since 1991, not one has been funded by the group.

Dennis Lauver, director of government/public relations for the chamber, showed the group a map of

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Ex-mayor, senator loses cancer bout

G. William Gross, a former Sioux City mayor and city clerk and former Iowa state senator, died late Wednesday in a Sioux City hospital after a three-month bout with cancer. He was 64.

Gross, who resided at 2100 W. Fourth St., first was elected to the City Council in 1969. He resigned the council seat after he was elected to the Iowa Senate in a March 1971 special election held to fill the vacancy created by the death of Sen. Charles K. Sullivan.



Gross

Gross, a Democrat, lost his bid for re-election to a full term in the Iowa Senate in November 1972. He then returned to the City Council on Jan. 2, 1973, having received an appointment to fill one of the vacancies created by the resignations of Jerry

O'Sullivan and Willis Junker. He was elected to a four-year term on the City Council in November 1973 and was elected mayor in January 1976. He did not seek re-election to the City Council when his term expired in January 1978.

In 1982, the council appointed Gross as city clerk, a job he held until his retirement in April 1992.

In August, he was among the former city officials who attended a reception to commemorate the last council meeting in the old City Hall.

A Sioux City native, Gross graduated from Central High School in 1947. He was an original member of the Western Iowa Tech Community College Board, and a past president of the Sioux City PTA Council. In addition, he was active in a host of community organizations.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church. Visitation is from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Nelson-Berger Northside Chapel.

His obituary is on page C6.

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ts want to improve traffic safety and lower ax's high accident rate.

"We've got more people being killed in fic collisions than we have in all felonies bined," Maas said. "We've got nearly as y people injured in traffic collisions than ll types of assaults combined."

accidents in those areas, compared to the same period the three previous years.

"I work for you folks," Maas said. "If you want these five people out of (STEP) ... you fell me and that's what I'll do."

There appeared to be little support from council members to downsize the program. "I don't know what good it would do to say we're no longer going to write traffic tickets."

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The council is on the plan to ad current budget ye \$91,268, which i and benefits an weapons and train On Monday, Manager Hank Si

tion response team surveys
Elizabeth River in Norfolk, Va.,
The oil tanker Saudi Diriya

was damaged while moving from the piers at the
Norfolk International Terminals. The spill was
estimated at about 5,000 gallons. (AP photo)

School in Clay County. On Sept. 22,
1929, she married John "Jack"
Rohweder in Spencer. The couple
farmed for many years in the Everly,
Peterson and Royal communities.
She had been a midwife for Dr.
Adams in Royal for many years.
They retired from farming and moved
to Sutherland in 1971. Mr.
Rohweder died Dec. 16, 1990. She
had been a resident of Cherokee, the
last 18 months.

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OBITUARIES

Caroline N. Dickson

Caroline N. Dickson, 98, formerly
of 2231 Fairbanks St., died Wednesday
at Casa De Paz Nursing Home.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday
at Riverside Lutheran Church
with burial in Graceland Park Cemetery.
Visitation will be 10 a.m. to
8:30 p.m. Sunday, with the family
present 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and a
prayer service at 7 p.m., at Berkemier
Funeral Home.

George "Bill" Gross

George William "Bill" Gross, 64,
2100 W. Fourth St., former Sioux
City mayor and civic leader, died
Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1993, at a Sioux
City hospital following a short illness.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at
Trinity Lutheran Church with the
Rev. Ernest Caltvedt, of Immanuel Lutheran
Church, officiating. Burial
will be in Graceland Park
Cemetery. Visitation will be 2 to 9
p.m. today, with the family present 7 to 9 p.m., and a
prayer service at 7:30 p.m., at the
Nelson-Berger Northside Chapel.

Mr. Gross was born July 21, 1929,
in Sioux City, the son of Carl L. and
Bonnie (Yeager) Gross. He attended
Sioux City schools and graduated
from Central High School in 1947.
He married Chloce J. Fulton Dec. 31,
1947, in Sioux City. He was
employed at Johnson Biscuit Co.,
Blue Bunny, Lloyd & Myers, Office
Systems Inc., C.M. Corp. Nursing
Home Corp., J.C. Penney Co., and
Marina Inn. He was elected to the



city council in 1970 and served as
city clerk from 1982 until September
1992, when he retired. He was
elected to the Iowa Senate in March
1971 and served until December
1972. He served on the following
committees: Social Services, Cities
and Towns, Environmental Preservation,
and Transportation. He was
appointed to the city council in
January 1973 and re-elected in
January 1974. He was elected mayor
of Sioux City in January 1976 and
served one term. He worked as lobbyist
in Des Moines for the Iowa
League of Municipalities.

Mr. Gross was a member of Immanuel
Lutheran Church and was
currently serving his 10th year as
president of the church council. He
was past president of the Everett
School PTA and the Sioux City PTA
Council. He served as chairman for
the Treasury Department, School
Savings Stamp Program; served on
Boy Scout Council; was elected to
the original Western Iowa Tech
Community College Board of
Directors, serving for five years;
served on the Hamilton Project Area
Committee; was ambassador for
Grandview College, Des Moines;
member of Northwest Iowa District
Parish Life Forum for Lutheran
Church in America.

Mr. Gross was a past member of
the Woodbury County Community
Action Agency, Rotary International
of Sioux City, Landmark Masonic
Lodge 103, Sioux City Consistory,
Abu Bekr Shrine Temple, SIMPCO
board of directors, SIMPCO finance
committee and SIMPCO Perry Creek
Study Committee, and Care Review
Committee for Indian Hills Care
Center. He was a member of the
Iowa Health Systems Agency Area
Council, Chamber of Commerce
Ambassadors Club and past chair-

man of the Convention and Visitors
Committee. He was a member of the
Retired Senior Volunteer Program at
Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife; two
sons, David W. Gross and his wife,
Barbara, and Steven C., all of Sioux
City; two daughters, Rebecca S.
Gross of Sioux City and Cathie and
her husband, Timothy Brende of
South Sioux City; grandchildren,
Joanna Gross, Alison Gross, Owen
Gross, and Katie Brende; and
daughters-in-law, Nicki Gross and
Patti Gross, both of Sioux City.

He was preceded in death by his
parents; a brother, Carl L. Jr.; and
two sisters, Bonnie J. Boles and Ruth
Anderson.

A memorial has been established
in Mr. Gross' name with Immanuel
Lutheran Church.

Elizabeth C. Francis

Elizabeth C. "Betty" Francis, 89,
formerly of 2200 Hanford St., died
Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1993, at Holy
Spirit Retirement Home.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday
at Sacred Heart
Catholic Church
with the Rev.
James Bruch officiating. Burial
will be at Calvary
Cemetery. Visitation
will be 10 a.m.
to 8:30 p.m. today,
with a Scriptural
wake service at
7:30 p.m., at
Berkemier Funeral Home. The family
will be present 7 to 8:30 p.m. at
the funeral home.

Mrs. Francis, the former Elizabeth
C. Farley, was born Nov. 24, 1904, in
Sioux City. She attended St. Joseph
Parochial School, Central High

