

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Rhodes,  
John C. - Represented Lucas Dallas, Madison in Clark County,  
Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21. Nov 1928 Saunder, North Dakota

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Audrey Swedens 1952 Reed City, South Dakota

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business Citizen of the year in 1969 of Chariton Chamber of Commerce,  
member of governing board of Indian Hills Community College, the Iowa  
Good Roads Association and Iowa League of Municipalities  
B. Civic responsibilities Chamber of Commerce

C. Profession Food store administrator, newspaper editor

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 64<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1971-1972

6. Public Offices  
A. Local Chariton City Councilman; mayor of Chariton 1965-1970 and  
1972-1980  
B. State Director of Iowa League of Municipalities 1969-1970  
C. National

7. Death 18 Nov 2004 Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children Bruce; Lori (Mrs. Greg Koutzky); Marty (Mrs. Kevin  
Magalsky)

9. Names of parents Alfred and Eva Rhodes

10. Education He graduated from Auburn, Iowa High School in  
1946

11. Degrees Graduate of University of North Dakota in 1953 - BA  
in Journalism

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - World War II - U.S. Army
- From 1953-1955 he was the editor of the Garrison, North Dakota  
newspaper
- In 1955 he moved to Chariton, Iowa to become editor of the Chariton  
newspaper until 1967
- In 1967 he became Director of Information for Hy-Vee Food Stores, Inc.  
until retirement in 1990.
- He was Director of Industrial Development Corporation; member of Governor  
Robert Ray's Committee on Citizens and Local Financing 1969-1970; member of  
Governor Hoopes Commission on Intergovernmental Relations 1967

Rhodes, John

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <u>Obituary</u>			- <u>The Des Moines Register, Des Moines, Iowa</u> <u>Dat. Nov. 20, 2004, p. 7B, col. 1</u>
- <u>Iowa Official Register 1971-1972</u>			<u>p. 46</u>
- <u>Lucas County Heritage 2000</u>			<u>p. 359-360</u>
- <u>Familysearch.org</u>			<u>(accessed 18 Oct 2010)</u>



**JOHN RHODES**  
Chariton



John Rhodes, 75, died Thursday, November 18, 2004 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines from respiratory failure.

John was born on November 21, 1928 in Sanborn, ND, to Alfred and Eva Rhodes, the youngest of six boys. Following his high school graduation, he enlisted in the Army where he served for three years during WWII. He graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1953 with a B.A. in Journalism. From 1953 until 1955 he was the editor of the Garrison, ND newspaper. In 1955 he became editor of the Chariton Newspapers and served in that position until 1967. At that time, he became the Director of Information for Hy-Vee Food Stores, Inc. where he retired in 1990.

John was a past president of the Chariton Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Development Board and was Citizen of the Year in 1969. In 1962 he was elected to the Chariton City Council and served as Mayor until being elected to the Iowa Senate in 1970. Following his senate term, he was re-elected to the city council and again served as Mayor until 1980. He had served on the governing boards of Indian Hills Community College, the Iowa League of Municipalities and the Iowa Good Roads Association. He was a member of the Chariton Planning and Zoning Commission, the McKay Scholarship Committee and was active in the Republican Party for many years. He was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 52 years, Audrey; son, Bruce Rhodes (Cheri) of Dubuque, IA; and daughters, Lori Kautzky (Greg) of Perry, IA, and Marty Magalsky (Kevin) of Juneau, WI. He had nine grandchildren, Katie and Kyle Rhodes, Zach, Brian, Ashley, Jenny and Aaron Kautzky and Luke and Abby Magalsky. John is also survived by his brother, Wilbur (Phyllis) of Winchester, IL; sister-in-law, Shirley Swedeen of Denver, CO; special family friend, Jack Laubach of Denver, CO; as well as many other family members. Preceding him in death were his parents, Alfred and Eva Rhodes and brothers, Vaughn, Glen, Harold and Dean.

The family will receive family and friends beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday, November 21 with a Memorial Service to follow at 2 p.m. at the Pierschbacher Funeral Home in Chariton, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa or the Chariton Humane Society.

**ELIZABETH EVERS**  
Pella



Elizabeth Evers, 89, passed away at the Hospice of Pella Comfort House. Betty is survived by her children, Stan Evers of Urbandale and [unclear]. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday

**DAVID LOGAN FLEMING**  
Marshalltown



David Logan Fleming, "Frogfur," passed away Thursday evening at home in the company of his wife, Beth Davis-Fleming, and his family and friends. David was a man of the people, and was loved and well

respected by all who knew him. David was retired from Fisher's in Marshalltown. He was an active member of the UAW, the Democratic Party, the Iowa Veteran's Council and numerous other community organizations. Whenever anyone asked him how he was doing, David was fond of saying, "Finer than Frogfur." He was indeed up to the end.

David was born on July 3, 1946 in Waterloo and raised in Traer, Iowa to Logan and Grace Fleming, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Beth; brother, Bill Fleming (Kathleen Beebout-Fleming) of Des Moines; sister, Mary Shultz (Loren) of Portland, OR; niece, Jennifer Fleming of West Point, NY; nephews, Jeff Fleming (Kit) of Houston, TX, Jim Fleming of Atlanta, GA, Dan Fleming of Sarasota, FL, Chris Van Doren of Ankeny, Kurt Van Doren of Chico, CA, and Rob Van Doren of Des Moines; three stepsons and one stepdaughter; eleven step-grandchildren; and numerous step-nieces and nephews, and grand nieces and nephews. Dave is also survived by his special son, Sayasat "Simon" Nurbek of Kazakhstan. Other family members are step-siblings, Shirley (Ken) Thompson of Keokuk, IA, Joe (Diana) Fleming of Madison, WI, and Bill (Eileen) Fleming of Glenwood, IA (deceased).

Brooks Funeral Care is in charge of cremation. The family will receive friends at Dave and Beth's home at 103 North 13th Ave. in Marshalltown. Memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 23, 2004 at the Malloy Leisure Resource Center at the Iowa Veterans' Home.

Frogfur was fond of referring to Beth's flowers as "weeds" and was a great proponent of avoiding lawn work by suggesting all yards should be paved and painted green, thus, memorial contributions are suggested in lieu of flowers.

**SHELDON SCHATZ**  
Des Moines



Sheldon Schatz, 84, died Friday, November 19, 2004 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Traditional funeral service will be 10 a.m. Sunday, November 21 at Tifereth Israel Synagogue, with burial at Jewish Glendale Cemetery.

Sheldon was a lifelong resident of Des Moines and a WWII US Army veteran. He was owner and agent for his own firm, Sheldon Schatz Insurance, which later merged with Brooks-Lussem Insurance.

Sheldon was a member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue, a member of the B'Nai Brith Iowa Sports Hall of Fame Award for his excellence in basketball,

**ERIC MATTHEW NERISON**  
Des Moines



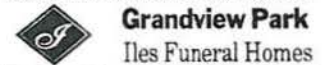
Eric Matthew Nerison, 10, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 in Des Moines due to injuries from being struck by a car. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, November 22 at Capitol

City Baptist Church. Burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Eric was born in Des Moines and had lived here his entire life. Known as the "Bald Eagle" to his friends, he was a Fifth Grade student at Phillips Elementary School. He attended Fellowship Baptist Church and was a proud member of the AWANA club at Urbandale Baptist Church. Eric enjoyed watching the University of Iowa Hawkeye and Green Bay Packers Football teams play, but he would root for any team playing. He was a true "Boy" who played Bey Blade and Yughlio, went camping and fishing with his family, and spent time at the Iowa State Fair and Adventureland with Grandpa. He was a Bright Light that brought joy to his family and friends.

Left to celebrate Eric's memory are his parents, Gary and Sharon Nerison of Des Moines; brother, Geoffrey and sister, Jessica Nerison of the home; grandparents, Charles and Bobbie Nerison of Cedar Rapids and Larry and Marianna Bennett of Runnells; great-grandmother, Faye Huffine of Corydon; two aunts, Debbie (Joel) Etherton and Lynn (Matt) Johnson; two uncles, Tracy Nerison and Brad (Kerry) Bennett; and many other family and friends.

The family will receive friends at Grandview Park Funeral Home on Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. Memorial contributions are directed to the family in care of Fellowship Baptist Church 1503 SE 6th St., Des Moines, IA 50315.



**LAVERN FRANKLIN HORNER**  
Ames

LaVern, 85, died November 18, 2004 at Israel Family Hospice House. Services are 10 a.m. today, November 20 at Adams Funeral Home in Ames. He is survived by his wife, Norma; daughters, Donna and Barbara; sister, Kay; and two grandsons.

**DARLE A. LOCKE**  
Des Moines

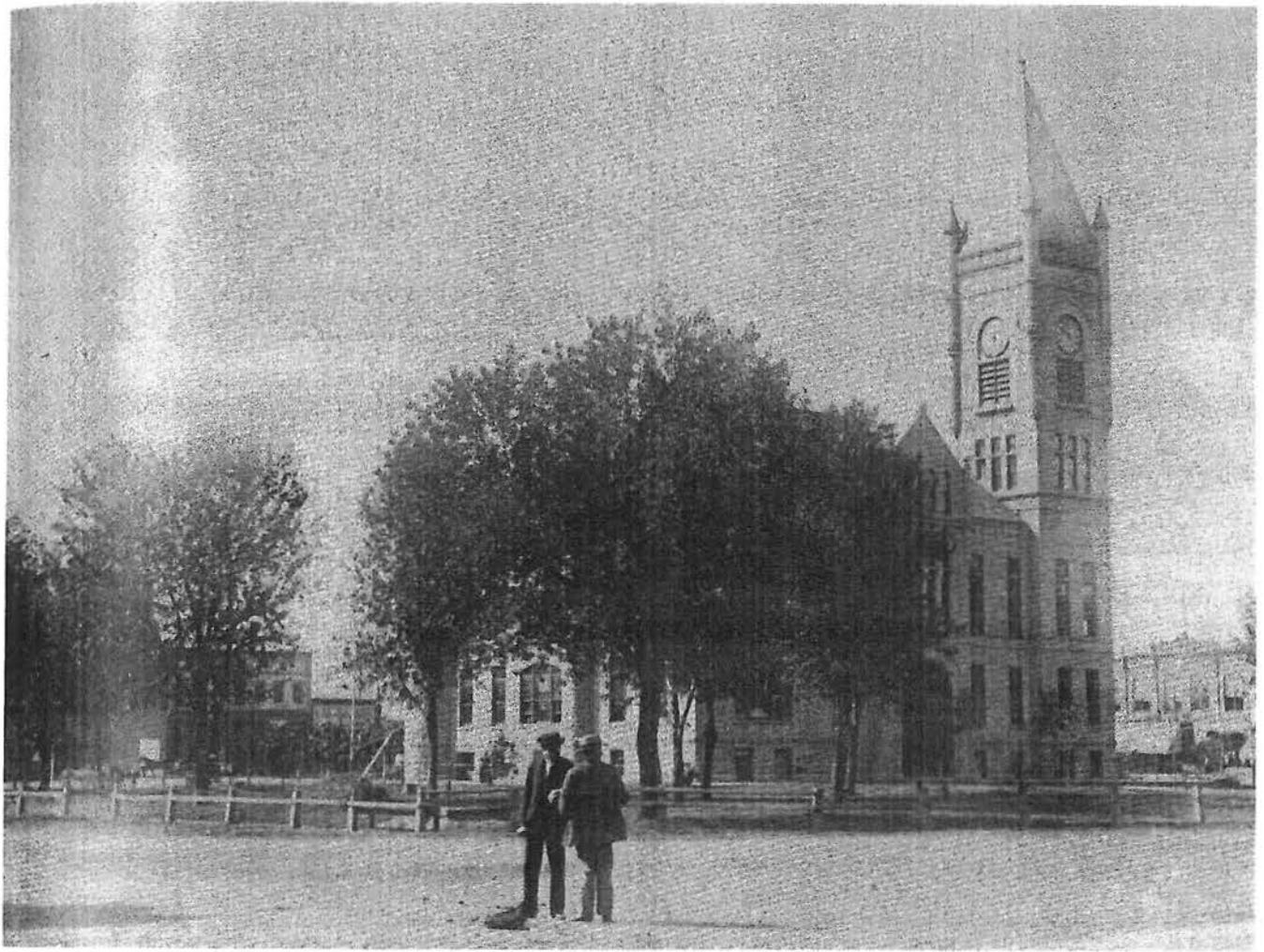


Darle A. Locke, 84, died Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. Funeral services will be 11 am Monday, November 22 at Ft. Des Moines United Methodist Church, with

burial following at Elm Grove Cemetery. Darle was born June 24, 1920 in Afton Iowa and retired from Pittsburg Des Moines Steel. He was a member of Ft. Des Moines United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years





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John, a native of North Dakota, is a World War II veteran and a graduate of the University of North Dakota. Audrey was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She attended high school in Rapid City, South Dakota, and the University of North Dakota where she was an active member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

They are members of the Methodist church where Audrey was a long time member of the choir. She also was active for many years in the Chariton Aeolian Singers, performing lead and chorus roles in several stage productions. She also is a past president of the Lucas County hospital auxiliary, a member of P.E.O. and involved in numerous community clubs and organizations.

John is a past president of the Chariton Chamber of Commerce, the industrial development board and was citizen of the year in 1969. He was elected to the city council in 1962, served as mayor until being elected to the Iowa Senate in 1970. Following his senate term he was re-elected to the city council and again served as mayor until 1980.

He has served on the governing boards of Indian Hills Community College, the Iowa League of Municipalities and the Iowa Good Roads Association. He is a member of the Chariton Planning and Zoning Commission, the McNay Scholarship Committee and has been active in the Republican Party for many years.

John and Audrey have three children, Bruce, Lori and Marty. All three are graduates of Chariton High School.

Bruce attended Iowa State University and is manager of the Hy-Vee supermarket in Dubuque, Iowa. His wife Cheri is a veterinarian and a graduate of Iowa State University. They have two children, Katie and Kyle.

Lori attended Iowa State University and graduated from Northeast Missouri State University. She is employed in Des Moines. She and her husband Greg operate a farm in Dallas County, south of Perry, Iowa. They have five children, Zach, Brian, Ashley, Jenny and Aaron.

Marty is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa. She and her husband Kevin live near Juneau, Wisconsin. Marty is a school-teacher and Kevin is employed at John Deere. They have two children, Luke and Abby.

Submitted by John and Audrey Rhodes

#### HERBERT AND KATHRYN (RIGGS) RICHARDS

Kathryn Riggs, oldest child of Grant and Elva Riggs, was born June 14, 1914. She was married June 29, 1935, to a twin, Herbert Richards, born March 25, 1912, and died September 10, 1986, in Chariton, Iowa. They lived in Des Moines. He was a sheet metal worker, retiring from Waldinger, Inc. They were members of the Simpson United Methodist Church and the Avion Club. For several years they wintered at Alamo, Texas. He had a brain tumor. She had heart surgery and macular degeneration. Their children are Eloise, Richard, Michael and Joyce.

Eloise was born June 24, 1937, and married George Kentros born January 4, 1940, from Cyprus. He worked at Armstrong Tire Company in Des Moines. When it closed they moved to Texarkana, Texas, where he was employed in a government office. Their three children are Kristi, Bruce and Scott.

Kristi Kay Kentros was born May 8, 1959, in Des Moines, Iowa, and married May 24, 1980, to Ed Walston who was born April 30, 1952, in Nashville, Arkansas. Ed served in the U. S. Marines and the U. S. Navy.

Bruce Kentros was born September 27, 1960, and married in



John and Audrey Rhodes

Germany. They have two sons and live in Austin, Texas.

Scott Kentros was born June 16, 1965, and lives in Austin, Texas.

Richard "Dick" Wayne Richards was born September 25, 1939 and married October 30, 1980, to Sheryl Playle who was born June 23, 1940, then married Sherry Rahn. He was in Korea with the U. S. Army. Dick worked as building manager at the *Des Moines Register*, retiring after 30 years. He lives near Mingo, Iowa. His two children are Blake Richards born September 19, 1965, was married to Tina Quick who was born June 25, 1969. Their children are Amanda, Miranda and Parker.

Leanne Richards was born July 1, 1970, and married August 23, 1993, to David Wiese. Their child is Whitney.

Richard Richards and his second wife Sherry had two children, Loi-ee Semanco born May 16, 1962, and Michael Semanco born July 14, 1965.

Michael Richards born October 10, 1946, married Doris Gibson, divorced. He worked at Waldingers Inc. then for the school board. He has ridden on RAGBRAI for several years. He and Doris had two children, Janine Richards born October 22, 1972, and Wade Richards born December 22, 1975. Mike plans to marry September 9, 2000, to Mary Donaghy, Indianola, Iowa.

Joyce Richards born October 10, 1948, is unmarried. She graduated from Des Moines East High School and took a computer course at DMAC. She works at Baker Electric in Des Moines.

Submitted by Evalée Hunerdosse

#### ALBERT DONALD RIGGS FAMILY

Albert Riggs, son of Luther Riggs, was born August 2, 1876, in Marion County. He married on January 8, 1902, in Lucas County, near Newbern, at the home of Charles and Ellen Barbara (Fry)



Albert and Faye (Norris) Riggs

Norris, to their daughter, Elsie Faye Norris (May 27, 1883 - May 2, 1957). They moved to Council Bluffs where he worked as a railroad steam boiler mechanic. He belonged to Mason and IOOF lodges. They were Presbyterians. Faye was the first woman elder of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa. She was a member of Unity 3 Links Club and Mother-Daughter Club of the Rebecca Lodge. She was a teacher and housewife. Their children were:

Howard N. Riggs (1903-1958) married Marvel G. Conner (1899-1959) on December 16, 1920. Their children were James, Richard, Ivyl and Dorothy.

Celia Eloise Riggs (1904-1994) married Glenn Mason (1901-1970). Their children were Marjorie, Paul and Clarice.

Harriet Imogene Riggs born in 1907 married Worth A. Fox. They lived at Minneapolis, Minnesota. They had two children, Barbara and James.

Margaret Ellen Riggs born in 1910 married Kermit J. Bergren. They had no children.

Alberta Riggs (1919-1972) married Leo Trumbull. They had three children, Leslie, Carolyn and Donald.

Submitted by Evalée Hunerdosse

#### ALVIN LLOYD AND EVELYN LUCILLE (NEWMAN) RIGGS

Alvin Lloyd Riggs was the eldest son of Lloyd and Carrie Riggs. He was born November 26, 1918, at Newbern. He died July 26, 1996, at Lake Hattie, Minnesota, where they had spent their summers for many years. Alvin had moved to Omaha in 1923 and attended school there but did not get to graduate. The family moved

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 **John RHODES**

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**Death Date:** 18 Nov 2004  
**Social Security Number:** 502-16-8749  
**State or Territory Where Number Was Issued:** North Dakota

**Death Residence Localities**

**ZIP Code:** 50049  
**Localities:** Chariton, Lucas, Iowa  
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