

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Reichardt, William J. Senator Reichardt, William J.
Represented Polk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 24 June 1930 Iowa City, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
See Member 1952

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He founded the Des Moines Youth Soccer League

B. Civic responsibilities YMCA.

C. Profession Clothier; radio commentator on WHO Radio station at Des Moines, Iowa

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 61st General Assembly 1965-1966 House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 62nd, 63rd General Assemblies 1967-1968; 1969-1970 Senate

A. Local _____

B. State He was a candidate for Iowa Governor in 1992.

C. National In 1956 he founded the Little All American Football League and coached for 29 years.

7. Death 1 June 2004 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Bethel Cemetery West Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children Barbara (Mrs. Buzz Weisberg); Douglas; Duke

9. Names of parents Herbert and Ethel Reichardt

Richardt, William J.

10. Education He was educated in the Iowa City, Iowa
public schools graduating in 1948

11. Degrees He graduated from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa in 1952.

12. Other applicable information Republican, later Democrat

- He grew up in Iowa City working in his family's restaurant
- He was an athlete in both high school and college
- He and a friend, Bud Stook, opened Richardt's Sports Shop in 1953
- He opened Richardt's Clothing Store in Des Moines which was open for
47 years.
- He was an avid guest speaker to over 600 boys at the American Legion
Knickerbocker Boys State for 46 consecutive years.
- He was on many church committees and out-riding over the year with his favorite
saying, "Hi Bill Richardt and A to the store."
- He played professional football with the Green Bay Packers for one season
and then joined the military.
- Military service - Korean War - United States Air Force

ELYN D. HARTZ

Melcher-Dallas



Marvelyn D. Hartz, 74, died June 2, 2004 at Westridge Nursing Center in Knoxville. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Melcher-Dallas. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery.

Hartz was born Marvelyn D. Booth on January 22, 1930. She was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church, and Senior Saints. Marvelyn had her kitty's, the organ, quilting and a wonderful sense of humor.

She is survived by her husband, Ivan Hartz; three sons, Steve Hartz of Newton, Iowa; Art Hartz of Roanoke Rapids, NC; and Larry Hartz of Menomonee, WI; a daughter, Nancy Schurman of Lacona; a brother, Marvin Booth of Los Angeles, CA; a sister, Helen Booth of LaClede, MO; and a niece, Helen Booth Bain.

Her family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Pierschbacher Funeral Home in Melcher-Dallas. Memorials may be made to Hospice, Westridge Activity Center or St. John Lutheran Church.

**NAOMI DAILEY**

Naomi Dailey, 89, passed away June 2, 2004 at the Community Care Center in Stuart from respiratory complications. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Stuart-Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church. Interment will be in South Oak Grove Cemetery.

She was born on November 20, 1914 to George and Katherine Stump. On October 1, 1941, Naomi was united in marriage to John W. Dailey.

She is survived by two daughters, Judy (Jim) Cropp and Pat Christensen; a brother, Eric Goodson; seven grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and five nephews.

WILLIAM (BILL) J. REICHARDT

Des Moines



Bill Reichardt, 73, passed away on Tuesday, June 1, 2004 at Iowa Methodist Hospital. Funeral services are 11 a.m. Friday at St. Augustin's Church in Des Moines. Private interment will be at Rest-

haven Mausoleum.

Bill was born to Herbert and Ethel Reichardt on June 24, 1930 and grew up working in the family restaurant, Reich's Café in Iowa City. Prior to graduating in 1948, Bill received many sports honors, including induction into the Iowa City High School Hall of Fame, recipient of eight athletic letters for varsity competition and First Team All-State fullback.

While attending the University of Iowa, Bill received numerous football honors with the Hawkeyes including All American fullback, First Team All Big Ten for two years and named Most Valuable Player in the Big 10 in 1951. He was named the Chicago Tribune's MVP in the Big Ten, which was the first time any athlete in any sport was named the MVP in a conference on a team that did not win a game.

After graduating, he played in the Senior Bowl, North-South and the Blue-Gray games which were played at Chicago's Soldier's Field and in the College All-Star game against the Los Angeles Rams. Bill was recently named to the University of Iowa All-Time Team as fullback (selected by the Gannett News Service) and was inducted into the University of Iowa Athletic Hall of Fame.

In 1952, Bill was united in marriage with Sue Manbeck and they were married for 52 years.

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On the political front, Bill spent two years in the Iowa House and four years in the Iowa Senate between 1964 to 1970. He was a candidate for Governor in the 1992 primary.

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PERRY J. CALIGIURI

Des Moines



Perry John Caligiuri, 46, died June 1, 2004 following routine gastric bypass surgery at Mayo Medical Center in Des Moines. A mass Christian burial will be 10 a.m. Friday at St. Paul X Catholic Church in Des

Moines of which he was a member with burial in Glendale Cemetery.

Perry was born on March 6, 1958 in Des Moines to Tony and Shirley Caligiuri and grew up on Des Moines' south side where he attended St. Anthony's school and Dowling High School. He served on the football coaching staff of Dowling High School and was active in numerous school and church activities. Perry will be especially remembered for his musical and vocal talents and early involvement in Des Moines community theater.

He also served on several state and national boards as an advocate for credit unions and enjoyed his frequent trips to Washington D.C. on behalf of those organizations. For many years he was president of First Iowa Community Credit Union and most recently executive vice president for First Class Credit Union. Perry enjoyed football, golf, photography and music and especially spending time with his sons.

Perry was blessed with a large, loving family and is survived by his two sons, Matthew Caligiuri and Michael Caligiuri of Urbandale; father and stepmother, Anthony "Tony" and Diane of Des Moines; three brothers, Anthony "Tony" Caligiuri Jr. (Ginny) of Osceola, Patrick Caligiuri (Brenda), and Charles Caligiuri, both of Des Moines; and four sisters, Al Johnson (Dan) of Minnetonka, MN, Rose Pettus (Tim) of Des Moines, Kristin (Tom) of Ankeny, and Ellen Caligiuri of Scottsdale, AZ. Perry's extended family included more than 100 aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Shirley, in 1976. His special friend was Ann Ukner of Naperville, IL.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. with a vigil service at 7 p.m. at Dunn's Funeral Home. Memorials may be made either to the Dowling Catholic High School football program or the Urban Catholic High School football program.



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Dailey is survived by two daughters, Judy (Jim) Cropp and Pat Christensen; a brother, Eric Goodson; seven children; 25 great grandchildren; and five nephews.

Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Ruppert Funeral Home where the service will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will be directed to the Community Care Center.

FRUS

Don Frus, a former Iowa resident, passed away May 22, 2004 in Boise, Idaho. Private memorial services will be held at a later date.

He was born October 16, 1917 in Iowa to Nephi and Jennie (Gray) Gruver. He moved to Des Moines after graduation and married Edward Louthan. To this marriage they were blessed with a daughter. Don worked at Blue Cross for many years and retired from Farmers Casualty.

In 1958, Lillian married Ray Frus and when retiring, they moved to Holiday Lake in Brooklyn. They spent summers there and winters in Bullhead City, AZ. After Don's death in 1987, she continued to live part of her time between Iowa and Arizona.

Don moved to Boise, ID to be near his daughter.

He is survived by her daughter, Marjorie Maxwell; Ray's children, Robert and Don Frus, Donald (Shirley) Frus, Vicki (John) Carter, and Fran (Earl) Hallett; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

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Bill is survived by his wife, Sue; three children, daughter, Barbara Jensen (Realtor - Denver, Colorado) and her three children, Jessica, William Cody and Jack and her husband, Buzz Weisberg, son Doug (Chairman & CEO, Holmes Murphy & Associates), his wife, Debbie and their three children, Kristin Hall, Katie and Randy; son Duke (Partner, Bening Financial), his wife, Carole and their three children, Austin, Dan and Brynn; and sisters Sherry Gardner and Mary Ellen Krebs.

A memorial gathering will be held Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Hy-Vee Conference Center located at 5820 Westown Parkway in West Des Moines. Memorial contributions may be made to YMCA Partner With Youth (101 Locust Street, Des Moines 50309) or the American Cancer Society-Midwest Division (8364 Hickman Road, Des Moines 50325).



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Joseph's Academy. She married William Kuhn, Jr. on June 27, 1948 in Des Moines, Iowa. She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Catholic Women's League, Bellizzi MacRae American Legion, and Altar & Rosary Society. Rose Jean was also a member of the Des Moines Area Association of Realtors. She sold real estate in the Des Moines area for the last 38 years, most recently with Universal Realty. She was Realtor Salesperson of the Year in 1981, was a member of the Million Dollar Club for many consecutive years, and also owned National Realty until 1983.

Rose Jean's special interests were her family, friends and pets and St. Anthony's Church. She loved to sell real estate, car driving, and she lived life on her own terms.

Rose Jean is survived by her son, John Kuhn and wife, Des Moines, Iowa, daughter, Pattie Kennedy and husband, Jeff

Newly appointed Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi, left, and newly appointed Iraqi President Ghazi Mashal Ajil al-Yawer arrive for a ceremony to announce the new Iraqi interim government in Baghdad on Tuesday. Al-Yawer has been critical of the U.S.-led coalition, but the United States welcomed the formation of an interim government. U.S. officials suggested the move would help win support for a U.N. resolution that seeks to set the stage for stability in Iraq. Article, Page 4A

D.M. clothier Reichardt, 73, loses his battle with cancer

By LEE ROOD
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

Bill Reichardt, who parlayed success as a University of Iowa football star into a legendary career as a businessman, politician and crusader for youth, died Tuesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center after a months-long battle with cancer. He was 73.

"We thought he was indestructible, and we found out he was human," said Bill Krause, the Kum & Go convenience chain founder and one of several close friends who held vigil with the Reichardt family during the Des Moines clothier's final hours.

Years after selling the up-scale clothing store that made

him a household name, Mr. Reichardt remains indelibly stamped in the minds of many Iowans as the good-natured businessman who always concluded television commercials, "I'm Bill Reichardt, and I own the store." Thousands more came to know

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Dapper: "He had a heart the size of Des Moines," Gov. Tom Vilsack said of Bill Reichardt, shown here in 1999

W.D.M. names superintendent candidates

Indianola Superintendent Tom Narak and two out-of-staters are vying for the job of West Des Moines superintendent, officials said Tuesday.

After weeks of secret discussions and interviews,



Two years filed in fat

An Iowa teenager's parents have long sought a resolution in the 2002 accident.

By COLLEEN KRANTZ

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Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa
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him as a regular commentator on WHO who, in recent years, sounded off on a variety of issues related to Iowa life.

Politicos will remember the one-time Republican turned Democrat as a tireless, sometimes eccentric, champion of pet causes who won seats in the Iowa House and Senate from 1964 to 1970 but failed in a single-issue quest to become governor.

Among scores of friends and admirers, however, Mr. Reichardt is most remembered for his self-deprecating humor, spunk and giving nature, as well as decades-long work to improve the lives of disadvantaged youth in Iowa.

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Mr. Reichardt grew up in Iowa City, the son of Herbert and Ethel Reichardt, owners of Reich's Cafe, then a local landmark. From a young age, he exemplified a fierce drive, strength and tenacity that later made him a winner in sports, business and politics.

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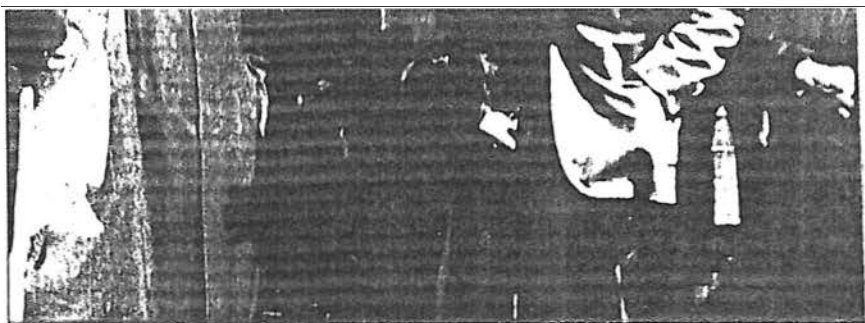
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After marrying, and graduating from the U of I in 1952, Mr. Reichardt played pro football with the Green Bay Packers. He lasted one season, then joined the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

In 1953, he opened "Bill Reichardt's Sports Shop" with friend Bud Flood in Des Moines. The two were trying to make a go with sporting goods, but the success Mr. Reichardt enjoyed in football and other sports didn't automatically follow in business.

"By 1956, when Iowa went to the Rose Bowl, the store was in deep trouble financially," recalls fellow



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Regardless of the stakes of a race, Mr. Reichardt never took himself too seriously or fretted about defeat.

"One of the problems people have with me is that I have extraordinary independence in my life," he told a reporter once. "I choose to speak out in all directions without the fear of consequence."

Mr. Reichardt said he made the bid for governor out of his frustration over the links between disenfranchised youth, high school dropout rates, and criminal recidivism. He told others he wanted to push lawmakers to do more to steer youth away from crime and prison and back into school.

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Mr. Reichardt discovered he had cancer about nine months ago. Family members learned the cancer had spread after he fell and broke his leg last Thursday. Though he was in obvious pain at times, he never lost his sense of humor, friends said.

Lying in his hospital bed on a recent afternoon, Mr. Reichardt awoke and said to a nearby friend: "You know, you shouldn't be wearing that sport coat with those pants."

His son Doug, chief executive of Holmes Murphy in Des Moines, said to many men, his father embodied what it meant to live a bountiful life.

"Anything he did, he excelled,"

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Forming a game plan: Bill Reichardt talks over the football game with Brian Hoffman and Marty Anderson in November 1977.



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grandchildren. Services are
pending.

Register staff writer John Naughton
contributed to this report.



On the field: Reichardt played halfback and fullback for the University of Iowa.

Cedar Rapids, Ia. — Nick Beason's team home has a big-screen plasma TV, bowling alley, cotton candy machine and a water slide from his bed to the pool.

He's 14, so he hasn't thought much about other things that might be a part of his life someday, like a wife or kids. But he's beginning to understand how premarital sex could affect his future.

Nick has joined an after-school program called "Abs Training," which isn't about strong stomachs. It's about abstaining from sex until marriage.

"When we talk about subjects, it helps me feel stronger about staying abstinent," Nick said.

question plans funded by U.S. aid

That's the goal of the free, voluntary activity, which is held in two Cedar Rapids middle schools.

It is one of several programs in Iowa run by groups that have taken advantage of the Bush administration's support for abstinence-only sex education.

In Iowa, the programs are generally in addition to more comprehensive

criticized by some politicians, scientists and health experts who say they have not been proven to deter sexual activity, teen pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases.

Iowa groups — religious and otherwise — have received more than \$600,000 in federal money this year for abstinence-only education.

The rush of new money has brought abstinence-only programming to more than 100 communities in Iowa, said Alison Monsma, abstinence education program coordinator for the Iowa Department of Public Health.

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www.que-tia.com is an online library with information about abstinence-only education.

www.cdc.gov is the Centers for Disease Control's Web site. The Centers' 2002 initiative, "Programs that Work," studied sex-education programs and listed five models that were proven effective. None were abstinence-only programs.

No shortage of stories about Reichardt's passion

It was time to say goodbye and about two dozen people were jammed into the hospital room. They stood around Bill Reichardt's deathbed holding hands, crying and waiting.

They were all there — his wife and three kids, the grandkids. His two sisters had flown in from the East Coast. His pals — guys like Wayne Graham, Bill Krause, Randy Duncan — were there for the family and for each other. There were a few guys who've known Reichardt since grade school in Iowa City. Some played football with him at Iowa. Some knew him from business, politics and the other phases of his 73 years.

Some friends couldn't be there, but they called, folks like Jim Zabel, Barb Henry and Johnny Majors.

At one point a nurse came by to tell them how she used to see the Reichardt TV ads and at the end she'd always chime in and say: "I'm Bill Reichardt and I own the store."

This crowd got it. Smiles all around. They thanked her for sharing.

A priest came in and recited the Lord's Prayer.



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Bill Reichardt lay there silently, breathing heavily. Two of his granddaughters reached out to touch his arms. They told him how much they loved him.

When the prayers ended, they all drifted out into the hall, holding onto each other.

In the middle of the pack was Sue Reichardt, the woman who married Bill 52 years ago next month. She still remembers the first time she laid eyes on the guy. It was 1951 on the Iowa campus.

She was in her car and she saw him in her side mirror.

"He was wearing his ROTC uniform I looked at him and said, 'That's for me.' We started dating, got married and ever since then my life has been an adventure. This wonderful adventure," she said. "He was a very unique person."

Around the hall they were telling their Reichardt stories, sharing memories. More than one person mentioned that he was the Big Ten MVP in a year when the school didn't win a single game — 0-9.

There was the well-known Reichardt quote about how it costs more to send a kid to Eldora than it does to Harvard.

His daughter, Barb — in from Denver — told about the time he took her out west to look at colleges and the only thing he wanted to see was the football stadium.

And everybody had a story about Reichardt helping kids. That was his passion and nobody

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Any person whose home was damaged in the recent storms and flood is encouraged to contact their local Red-Cross chapter, Bishop said.

Reporter Rachael Seravalli can be reached at (515) 284-8065 or rseravall@dmreg.com

Marilyn DeVries, field service manager for the Red Cross, said donations may be trickling in because of the weakened economy, but that the cause more likely had to do with the frequency of flooding in the state.
"About every two or three years we get floods in Iowa," DeVries

said. "It's not quite as glamorous as more high-profile disasters."
As a result, more than half of the money raised so far was donated in response to the tornado in Bradgate, which received local as

well as national media coverage, she said. Storms from May 18-21 also sent rivers out of their banks across northern, central and eastern Iowa, damaging an estimated 1,400 homes in 49 counties.

Family shares stories of Reichardt's passion

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could quite figure out where that came from.
But Sue had a few thoughts.

She mentioned that when he was growing up his parents owned the fabled Reich's Cafe in Iowa City and it was pretty much a seven-day-a-week operation.
"He was a middle-class kid and never went hungry or anything like that. But he was alone a lot of the time and I think that may have opened his eyes to what some kids go through."

She stopped to deal with the tears.
"When he was coaching, there were kids who had to walk miles to get to the field. The families didn't have cars, the kids didn't have bikes. And they'd have to walk in their uniforms. Bill made sure every one of them got a ride. In some ways it was a small thing but it meant so much to those kids and their families."

I heard that story and it reminded me of a I guy I met a few years ago at a Roosevelt sports dinner. He was a big guy,



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Laughter: Bill Reichardt entertains a group of children, members of the Partner-With-Youth Program, in this 1998 photo.

African-American, and he talked about playing football as a kid. He talked about how sports really saved him. And he talked about "that Bill Reichardt. The clothing guy? He made it happen for me. He saved a lot of kids in this

town. Ask around."
Last night, I didn't have to ask around. I just had to stand there and listen. The Bill Reichardt stories were in the air.

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CEDAR RAPIDS

Man seeks commutation of life sentence

A man serving a life sentence for the slaying of a woman in 1974 claims he's innocent and wants his sentence commuted by Gov. Tom Vilsack.

Atwell Conner, now 60, was 29 when he was convicted in 1974 of

first-degree murder in the death of 17-year-old Maureen Connolly.

Conner will face the Iowa Board of Parole on Friday to request commutation of his life sentence to a term of years. Commutation by the governor would make Conner eligible for release.

The parole board has received about 80 letters on Conner's case, Chairwoman Elizabeth Robinson said. All but about five oppose his release, she said.

Conner claims George Nowlin was solely responsible for the deaths of Connolly and Michael Servey, 18, who were shot after they were picked up as they walked along a city street. Their bodies were found a week later — Connolly's near Anamosa and Servey's near Palisades-Kepler State Park in Linn County.

Nowlin, then 31, was found guilty of raping Connolly and of shooting both Connolly and Servey. Nowlin died in prison in Fort Madison in July 1989.

Conner, who is nearly illiterate and suffers from a severe speech impediment, isn't alone in his claims of innocence.

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MUSCATINE

Investigators link man to shotgun shells, tracks

Testimony continued Tuesday in the first-degree murder trial of a man charged in the shooting death of his wife, with investigators saying tire tracks and shotgun shells could be linked to the defendant.

David Hering, 43, is accused of killing his wife, Lisa, 41, on Aug. 6, 2003, with a shotgun blast to the head.

Investigators from the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation testified that tire marks found in the pasture where Lisa Hering's body was found were made by a vehicle with a license plate description of the truck Hering used to drive his wife into the field.

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