

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative VanRoekel, Gerrit Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Marin County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 June 1899 near Leighton, Iowa  
Wabasha County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Edna Josephine De Bruin 27 Aug 1924 near Leighton, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Kiwanis; Pella Golf and Country Club  
Pella Historical Society; Pella Hospital Association

C. Profession Grocer (20 years); Business manager at Central  
College 1948-1964

4. Church membership County Reformed Church

5. Sessions served 62<sup>nd</sup>, 63<sup>rd</sup> General Assemblies 1967; 1969-1970

6. Public Offices

A. Local Director of Admissions and Business Manager of Central College

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

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 17 Sept 1985 Pella, Iowa; Central Emergency Cemetery, Leighton, Iowa

8. Children Ray A.; Erna H. (Mrs. Dr. Donald G. Bruggink)

9. Names of parents Henry and Wilhelmina (Van Veenochoten) VanRoekel

10. Education

11. Degrees

He graduated from Central Academy in 1920, graduated from Central College, Pella, Iowa, B. A. in 1924

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- His wife, Edna, born 18 May 1906, died 30 Oct 1988 at Pella, Iowa, also buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Leighton, Iowa
- After marriage they moved to Denver, Colorado where he worked as a manager of a Safeway Grocery Store
- He served as president of the Bethesda Hospital in Denver
- They returned to Pella in 1945
- After retirement from Central College he served as a legislator

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Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <u>Irish Official Register</u>		1969-1970	p 110
- <u>Manion County Burial to Deaths</u>		1976-1990	p 265
- <u>Obituary</u>		The Pella Chronicle, Pella, Iowa	
		Wed. Sept 25, 1995	p 4, col. 1
- <u>Ancestry.com</u>		(accessed 16 Oct 2009)	

# OBITUARIES

## VAN ROEKEL

Gerrit Van Roekel, 86, Pella, died Sept. 17, 1985, at the Pella Community Hospital. He was born on June 11, 1899, on a farm near Leighton, the son of Henry and Minnie Veenschoten Van Roekel.

He grew up in the Leighton-Pella area and graduated from Central College in 1924. He was united in marriage on Aug. 27, 1924 to Edna Josephine De Bruin near Leighton. They moved to Denver, Colo., where he worked as a manager of a Safeway Store. He also served as president of Bethesda Hospital in Denver. In 1945, they returned to Pella and he became Director of Admissions and Business Manager of Central College. After retirement from Central College, he served two terms as Republican representative in the Iowa State Legislature. He was a member of the Trinity Reformed Church, where he served as an elder and Sunday School teacher. He was past Lt. Governor of Kiwanis.

He is survived by his wife; his children: Ray, of Marshalltown; and Erma (Dr. Donald J.) Bruggink, Holland, Mich.; a brother: John Van Roekel, Hampton; and three grandchildren: Judith De Jong, Linda Van Roekel, and John Gerrit Bruggink.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Louis, William; a sister: Dena Van Roekel De Prenger; four half brothers: Tunis, Delos, Henry, Dick Van Zante; three half sisters: Nelle, Josie, and Catherine; a grandson: Donald Ian Bruggink; and a great-granddaughter: Amanda De Jong.

Funeral services were held Sept. 20 at the Trinity Reformed Church in Pella, with the Rev. Donald Plantinga and the Dr. Donald J. Bruggink officiating. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery near Leighton. Memorials may be given to Trinity Reformed Church in Pella. Arrangements were made by Garden Chapel Funeral Home.

## OWEN

Gertrude Owen, 80, Pella, died Sept. 20, 1985, at the Pella Community Hospital. She was born Dec. 24, 1904 in Sully, the daughter of Dick and Hattie Van Kampen Bruxvoort.

She grew up in the Sully area and went to school at the Sully Christian Grade School. She married Gertrude Lourens on Sept. 17, 1927. She was united in marriage to Harold Owen on Oct. 18, 1958. She was employed at the telephone office in both Ottumwa and Pella. She was also employed at the office at Rolscreen and was a member of the Third Reformed Church.

She is survived by her son: Arnold Chester Lourens, Van Meter; daughter: H. Jean Nieboer, Omaha, Neb.; a stepson: Wally Gaddis, Daytona Beach, Fla.; nine grandchildren: Darrel Lourens, Sheri Lourens-Kain, Merlin Clemmenson, Lori Lourens Button, Scott Lourens, Audrey Lourens, Julie Lourens, Allen Lourens, Pam Nieboer Adams; four brothers: Gertrude Bruxvoort, Pella; Jake Bruxvoort, Newton; Herman Bruxvoort, Newton; Guy Bruxvoort, Pella; sister: Bernice Meinders, Pella and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold; and five sisters: Lizzie Slater, Nellie Van Wyk, Hattie Olsthoorn, Jennie Jochems, and Effie Bruxvoort.

Funeral services were held Sept. 22 at Third Reformed Church in Pella with the Dr. Delmar Thiesse officiating. Burial was at Sully Cemetery in Sully. Memorials may be given to the Third Reformed Church and the Schuring Family, missionaries of Brazil. Arrangements were made by Garden Chapel Funeral Home.

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Gerrit Van Roekel

Birth **11 Jun 1899** in Mahaska County, Iowa, USA  
Death **Sep 1985** in Pella, Marion, Iowa, USA

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1899 11 Jun	<b>Birth</b> Mahaska County, Iowa, USA	6 source citations
1910 Age: 11	<b>Residence</b> Black Oak, Mahaska, Iowa	1 source citation
1915 Age: 16	<b>Residence</b> Black Oak	1 source citation
1917 -1918 Age: 18	<b>Residence</b> Marion, Iowa	1 source citation
1920 Age: 21	<b>Residence</b> Pella Ward 1, Marion, Iowa	1 source citation
1924 Age: 25	<b>Marriage to Edna J. DeBruin</b>	
1930 Age: 31	<b>Residence</b> Denver, Denver, Colorado	1 source citation
1985 Sep Age: 86	<b>Death</b> Pella, Marion, Iowa, USA	1 source citation

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Family Members

Parents

[Henry Van Roekel](#)  
1868 – 1939

[Wilhelmina van Veenschoten](#)  
1857 – 1926

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Spouse & Children

[Edna J. DeBruin](#)  
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Historical Records

[1910 United States Federal Census](#)

[1920 United States Federal Census](#)

[1930 United States Federal Census](#)

[Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925](#)

[Social Security Death Index](#)

[World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918](#)

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