

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Vetter, Keith L. Senator _____

Represented Washington County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 June 1918 Mascotone, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Marla Vetter 14 June 1947 Mascotone, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was named outstanding young man of the year in Junior Chamber of Commerce 1955-1956, member of the Board of Trustees of Hawkeye College

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Mason; YMCA Men's Club; Chamber of Commerce; Community Chest; Kiwanis

C. Profession Owner and operator of Calligan Water Conditioning in Washington, Iowa and the Equal Cities

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 60th, 62nd General Assemblies 1963, 1967

6. Public Offices

A. Local Member of Washington County Republican Central Committee

B. State Past president of the State and International Water Conditioning Association

C. National Director of U. S. Water Company

7. Death 14 Nov 2001 Washington, Iowa; buried

8. Children Joy M. (Mrs. Gary Kracaw); Judy V. (Mrs. Martin McCarty)

9. Names of parents Ernest L. and Mary E. (Kennedy) Vetter

10. Education Never educated in the Nichols Area public schools 1936

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was a member of Washington Area Economic Development Group, Washington Ambassador, Washington Industrial Board, Board of Directors of the Hawkeye Bank
- He began working as a young man at the Montgomery Ward store in Des Moines, also in Des Moines the Northern Power Company and the Des Moines Register newspaper
- Military service - served on active duty for the Civil Air Patrol of Pascagoula, Mississippi
- He moved to Washington, Iowa in 1966 where he founded the Fellers Collegian Water Service starting in a garage with help of family members
- At his death he owned Collegian stores in Washington, Des Moines, Burlington, Coralville, Clinton and Waukegan, all in Iowa.

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Splinter Haus. He was a lifetime mem-
ber of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.
He served on the Davenport Diocesan
Board of Education and sponsored a
golf tournament for retired priests in
the Davenport Diocese.

Mr. Altenhofen was a charter mem-
ber of Lagos Acres County Club in
Keota, where he and his wife, Dor-
othy, were club champions at one
time. He served on the board of direc-
tors of Indian Hills Community Col-
lege. He enjoyed family, pool, golf,
hunting, fishing, square dancing and
hiking in the Arizona mountains. He
was an avid Chicago Cubs and Iowa

and husband Jack of Fort Wayne,
Ind., LaVon David Altenhofen and
wife Claudia of Harper, Kevin
Altenhofen of Harper, Karen
Altenhofen of Burnsville, Minn., Ja-
son Altenhofen of Pleasantville,
Claudia Tarr and husband Dan of
Moline, Ill., Shawn Altenhofen and
wife Teri of Keota, Grant Altenhofen
of Harper, Mary Altenhofen of Mesa,
Ariz., and Chris Altenhofen of North
Liberty; 23 grandchildren; and three
great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his
parents; his first wife, Dorothy; three
brothers, Keith, Donovan and
Maurice; and one sister, Theola Yoder.

Services Pending

Keith L. Vetter, 83, of Washington, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001, at
Halcyon House in Washington.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19, at the United
Methodist Church in Washington. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday at
Jones & Eden Funeral Home in Washington, where the family will receive
friends from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.



A complete obituary will appear in Thursday's paper.

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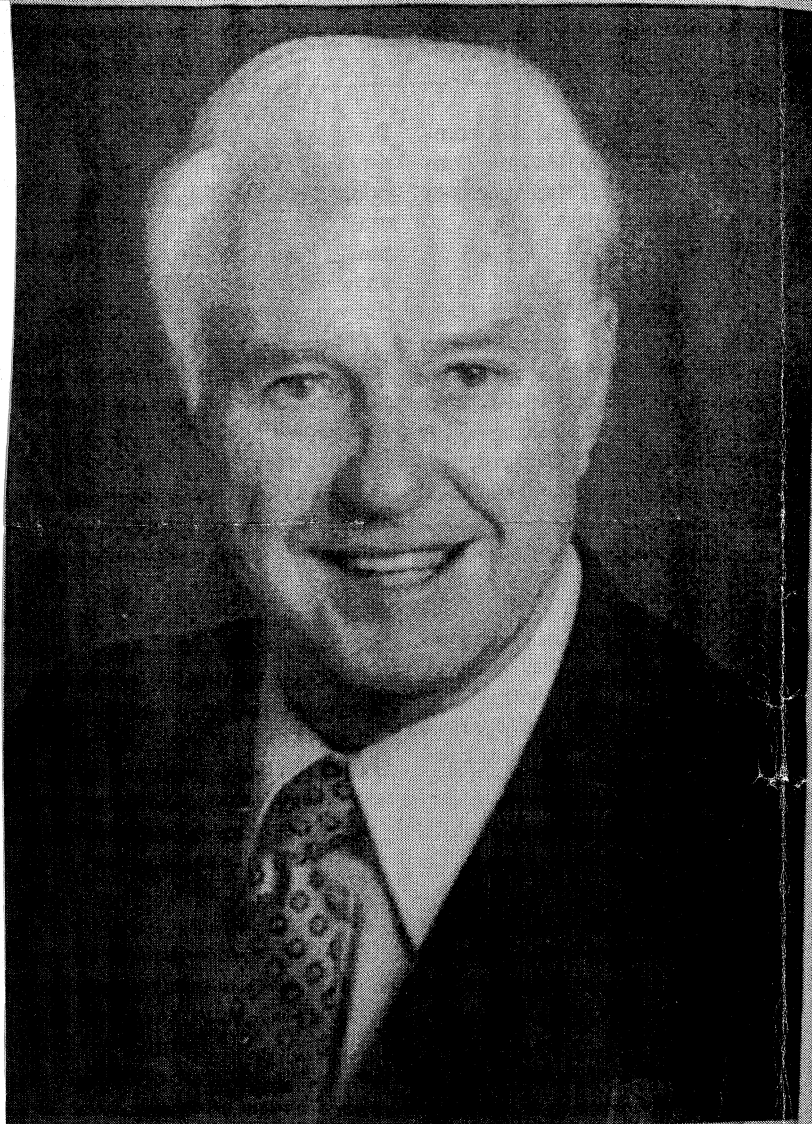
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Businessman, community leader dies



Keith L. Vetter

Paid Obituary

Keith L. Vetter

Keith L. Vetter, 83, of Washington, Iowa, experienced failing health over the last few years and quietly passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2001. Keith led a life of remarkable accomplishments, most importantly touching the lives of those he loved.

Keith was born in Muscatine, Iowa, on June 17, 1918, to Ernest L. and Mary E. (Kennedy) Vetter. He graduated from Nichols High School in 1936. On June 14, 1941, he married Marla Gettert of Muscatine. Together they built a family with two daughters as well as a family business. They enjoyed spending time with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as traveling and visiting with friends.

Keith was involved socially, religiously and politically in the communities in which he lived. He held community leadership positions in the Chamber of Commerce, Washington Economic Development Group, Washington Ambassadors, Washington Industrial Board President, Board of Directors of the YMCA, Y's Men Club, Community Chest Chairman, Kiwanis, Rotary, Masonic Lodge, Board of Directors for Hawkeye Bank, and the Board of Trustees of Iowa Wesleyan College. He was also named Outstanding Young Man of the Year 1955-56 in the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church serving as lay leader for many years. He was also committed to his faith through activities with the United Methodist Men, Sunday School superintendent and the Conference Board Missions which included traveling to Africa in 1959, and Alaska in 1964, for

missionary work.

He was an active member of the Republican Party and a key supporter of the Young Republican movement. He served as a member of the County Republican Central Committee, as a Congressional Committeeman and Finance Chairman. He was elected as the State Representative of Washington County in 1963. He was also active in Ways and Means, Social Security Committee, School Board, Conservation, Industrial Development and Board of Control and Iowans for Tax Relief.

Keith's business career began with employment for Montgomery Wards in Des Moines, Northern Power Company, and the Des Moines Register. He also served active duty for the Civil Air Patrol of Pascagoula, Mississippi. He moved to Washington, Iowa, in 1946, where he founded Vetter's Inc. Culligan. The family business began in a garage and with the help of family and employees grew to what is now six locations in Washington, Davenport, Burlington, Coralville, Clinton and Maquoketa. Keith received much recognition for his success with Culligan including being president of the Water Conditioning Association International, president of the State Water Quality Association, member of the Dealer Advisory Council, and recipient of the WQA Regent's awards in 1977.

After retiring, Keith took more time to enjoy golf and he was a member of the Washington Country Club. He enjoyed reading, boating, traveling and spending the cold Iowa winters in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. He continued to meet regularly with

friends for coffee, have dinner with his family and attend his grandchildren's events.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Mary; and his sister, Gola Buser.

Keith is survived by his wife, Marla of Washington, Iowa; two daughters, Joy M. and husband Gary Kracaw of LeClaire, Iowa, and Judy V. and husband Martin McCarthy of Washington, Iowa; four grandchildren, Tom Kracaw of Davenport, Iowa, Sean McCarthy of Columbus, Ohio, T.J. Schlemme of Bettendorf, Iowa, and Kelley McCarthy of San Francisco, Calif.; nine great-grandchildren, Jamie Kracaw, Samantha Kracaw, Taylor Kracaw, Joshua Schlemme, Justin Schlemme, Andrea Schlemme, Trenton Schlemme, Chad Cason and Shane Cason; one sister, Venita Harned of West Liberty, Iowa, one brother, Virgil Vetter of Washington, Iowa; two stepsisters, Bernie Mueller of Redding, Calif., and Dorothy Mills of Nichols, Iowa; two stepbrothers, Paul Lowe of Springfield, Mo., and Bob Lowe of Letts, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, November 19, at the United Methodist Church in Washington, Iowa, officiated by the Rev. Don Hodson. Visitation will begin 10 a.m. Sunday at the Jones & Eden Funeral Home in Washington, where the family will receive friends from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Please join the many loved ones in celebrating Keith's life. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are preferred to the United Methodist Church, the Washington Betterment Foundation and the Washington Public Library.