

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Yoder, Earl M. Senator _____

Represented Johnson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Oct 1927 Weatherford, Oklahoma

2. Marriage (s) date place

Edna M. Bontrager 10 Aug 1952 near Kalona, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was on the Board of Directors of Home Builders Association of Iowa City, The HBA of Iowa; The National HBA; Mercy Hospital; Killebrew Bank and Trust Company

B. Civic responsibilities Optimist Club; United Way; Goodwill Industries Iowa City; Chamber of Commerce; Elks Club; American Legion

C. Profession Owner of Yoder Construction Company; owner of Iowa City Reddy Mfg; owner of Old Capital Motor

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 62nd General Assembly 1967

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State Member of the Iowa Reddy Mfg Concaste Association

C. National _____

7. Death 29 Nov 2006 Iowa City, Iowa; Buried probably at East Waukegan, Ill with Carolyn

8. Children Barbara (Mrs. Randy King); Deborah (Mrs. Jim Miller)

Jeanne (Mrs. Steven Auer)

9. Names of parents Mrs. H. and Barbara (Benders) Yoder

Yoder, Earl M.

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

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- He lived with his family until moving to Oregon when he was age 9.
- Military service - attaining rank of Sergeant from 1945-1948 and from 1950-1951 with the Marines in Korea.
- In 1952 he moved. He moved to Iowa City, Iowa. There he started the Yoder Construction Company.
- He was a member of the President Club of the University of Iowa, a charter member of Kiwanis Society, Arena National Campaign Society, The University of Iowa Foundation Board of Directors, Ronald McDonald House Building Committee where he also served as a Regional Campaign leader, and many others.

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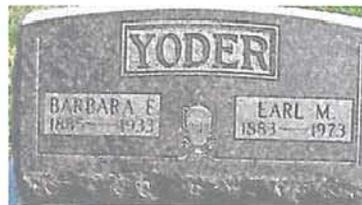
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Elizabeth Valentini, 27

Elizabeth Stromquist Valentini, 27, died on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 in Iowa City. She had suffered deep depression for the past two months. She struggled with the disease but in the end must have found the pain unbearable. She brought joy and love to those around her for all her years.

Born in Madison, Wisconsin on April 21, 1979, she enjoyed the warmth of a close community of family, friends and playmates before moving with her family to Iowa City in 1982. She led an active life as a student, athlete, and devoted friend during her years of schooling in the Iowa City Community Schools. She graduated from West High in 1997. Throughout her school years she enjoyed the company of a wide circle of close friends and was a gifted athlete who competed for West High in volleyball and soccer and was recognized with district and statewide honors. After high school she enrolled as an undergraduate at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, where she majored in Communications Studies and competed as a setter on the school's volleyball team. She was an active member and officer in Phi Rho Sorority. After graduation she followed her lifelong dream of moving to Chicago, a city whose excitement and culture had a special power for her even as a young child. She worked as a communications specialist for the American Bar Association in its national headquarters, and wherever she lived or worked she gathered around her a circle of close and supportive friends. In 2003 she married fellow graduate of Augustana, Jeff Valentini, and moved to Lombard and subsequently to Carol Stream. They divorced in September 2006 but continued to share a deep appreciation and respect for one another.

Her interests moved in the direction of teaching, for which she appeared to have a natural gift. She worked as a teacher of at-risk students at Hinsdale South High School and coached the Freshman volleyball team to a winning record. In the last couple of years she was preparing for work as an elementary school teacher. She taught at Elmhurst Academy for Early Childhood Education and in the Barrington School District as a teacher's aide for an autistic child. Through night classes she was nearing completion of teacher certification and a Master's degree in Education. She always brought a special spark and enthusiasm to her



Valentini

Earl Yoder, 79

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The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be given to Iowa City Hospice, East Union Mennonite Church, or Iowa Mennonite School.

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Earl was a member of East Union Mennonite Church for over 54 years. He was also a member of the Iowa Ready Mix Concrete Association, and the Iowa City Elks Club. Earl enjoyed golfing, traveling, fishing, hunting, and gardening.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; three daughters and their husbands: Barb and Randy King of Lake Charles, LA; Deb and Jim Miller of Iowa City, IA; and Jeanne and Steve Auen of Drakesville, IA; six grandchildren: Brian Miller and his wife Kari of Keezletown, VA; Josh Tack of Missoula, MT; Jeff Miller of South Hamilton, MA; Jason Tack of Missoula, MT; and Maggie and Sarah King of Lake Charles, LA; one great grandchild: Nora Miller of Keezletown, VA.

Also surviving are eight siblings, Lena Yoder of McMinnville, OR; Paul Yoder and wife Maggie of Eugene, OR; Ed Yoder and wife Anna of Kalona, IA; Tobe Yoder and wife Treva of Nappanee, IN; Emery Yoder and wife Pauline of Nappanee, IN; Mary Miller and husband Arny of Sullivan, IL; Barbara Miller and husband Devon of Etna Green, IN; Irvin Yoder and wife Shirley of Nappanee, IN, and three sisters-in-law; Jean Yoder of Summersville, MO; Esther Yoder of Nappanee, IN, and Becky Miller of Middlebury, IN.

Earl was predeceased in death by his parents and three brothers, Morris, Mose, and Sam Yoder.

Online condolences may be sent to www.peterseimfuneralhome.com by clicking on obitu-

Marcus Yoder, 64

Marcus Wayne Yoder was born December 10, 1941 near Wellman, Iowa the son of Lester and Carrie (Slaubaugh) Yoder. He attended the Franklin rural school and graduated from Iowa Mennonite School in 1960. He grew up in the Wellman community, then worked as a milk tester in Holmes County, Ohio from 1963-1965. On November 27, 1965 he was united in marriage to Pearl Hunsberger in Perkasie, Pennsylvania. They have made their home in the Wellman community where Marcus has farmed since 1966. He was a member of the West Union Mennonite Church and the Johnson County Dairy Testing Association. He loved being on the farm tending to his dairy cattle, and it was especially meaningful for Marcus to help with this year's harvest. Marcus died on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City from Colon Cancer at the age of 64 years.

Marcus is survived by his wife Pearl of Wellman; a daughter Renae Yoder of Goshen, Indiana; 2 sons — Marlow and wife Jenny of Kalona; Karsten and wife Jessica of North English; 3 grandchildren — Aidan, Kelyn and Malia; and 4 brothers — Carroll D. Yoder and wife Nancy of Harrisonburg, Virginia; Wilbur Yoder and wife Helen; Milford Yoder and wife Edna; and Galen Yoder and wife Gloria all of Wellman. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 4, 2006 at the West Union Mennonite Church in rural Parnell. Rev. David Boshart and Rev. Helen Yoder will officiate. Burial will be in the West Union Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Powell Funeral Home in Wellman where family will be present on Saturday and from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday. A general memorial fund has been established.

Messages and tributes may be sent to the family at www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

Fire

■ Firefighters responded to a medical assist at 7:47 a.m. Tuesday at 4000 Melrose Ave.; false alarms at 8:12 a.m. at 320 Grand Ave. and at 10:33 a.m. at 225 S. Grand Ave.; an emergency medical call at 10:46 a.m. at 1131 Third Ave.; an unintentional smoke detector activation at 11:03 a.m. at 715 Spencer Drive; an emergency medical call at 11:34 a.m. at 2727 S. Scott Blvd.; a malfunctioning smoke detector activation at 11:36 a.m. at 510 S. Johnson St.; an unintentional detector activation at 2:09 p.m. at 2105 Broadway St.; a low battery alarm at 2:10 p.m. at 3042 Muscatine Ave.

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Larry L. Donaghy, 72 d Thursday November 30, 2006 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines of heart failure.

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*In Memory of
Maxine Roby
My Precious Mother
and Grandmother
June 4, 1931 - December 2, 2005*



To see your face and watch your smile,

To sit with you and talk awhile.

To be together in the same old way,

Would be our greatest wish today.

The tears in our eyes can wipe away,

But the ache in our hearts will always stay.

Life goes on, we know that's true,

But nothing's the same since we lost you.

We love and miss you Mom

GABRIEL MADING

Des Moines



Gabriel Mading, 18, died Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at the Polk County Jail. His death has been ruled a suicide.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at Wakonda Christian Church, Fleur Drive and Watrous Avenue in Des Moines. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Gabriel was born in Bor, South Sudan. He came to the State of Virginia as a Sudanese Lost Boy and an unaccompanied minor refugee in 2000 and moved to Des Moines in April 2006.

He is survived by his foster parents: Michael Madit and Elizabeth Malith of Des Moines. Elizabeth is his aunt.

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DOUG A. MOSHER

Des Moines

Douglas Arlo Mosher, ne son of Neut and Ione (Eaaland) Pohlman, was born September 15, 1944, in Fertile Minnesota. He was raised and educated in Eagle Grove.

On September 1, 1967, Doug married Carolyn Elwood at the Samuel Lutheran Church in Eagle Grove. They lived in Eagle Grove until 1968 when they moved to Huxley.

Doug moved to Algona in 1971 and then to Des Moines where he currently resided.

Doug worked for Chicago Northwestern Railroad, drove for Umthun Trucking, Algona Municipal Utilities for 13 years. He owned and operated Doug's Printing Service in Algona until a fire destroyed the business, and the Windsor Heights Presbyterian Church in maintenance.

He attended Alcoholics Anonymous in Algona.

Doug was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Algona and was attending the Windsor Heights Presbyterian Church in Des Moines.

Doug enjoyed fishing, playing cards and attending bible study group.

Doug passed away Wednesday, November 29, 2006, in Des Moines due to injuries received from an automobile accident, at the age of 61 years. He was preceded in death by his father, Neut Pohlman; son Scott Mosher and brother, Larry Dear Mosher.

Survivors include his sons Brian Mosher of Algona and Cory Mosher of Des Moines; Carolyn Mosher of Algona; mother, Ione Knack of Eagle Grove; sisters Kathy Williams and husband Gary of Eagle Grove and Karen Porter and husband Francis of Newton; brothers Jack Mosher of Eagle Grove and Michael Mosher of California; and several nieces and nephews.

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BREESE, JR.

James Wallace Breese, Jr., 57, passed away Thursday, November 30, 2006 at Mercy Hospice in Johnston. Jim Breese, Iowa from S.E. Polk 1967. He was a Kingdom Hall services will be today, December 4, at the Kingdom Center, Indianola. He was preceded by his mother, Frances Breese of Indianola, and a son, Tom Breese; step daughter, Jecker of Earl; sisters, Jody Virginia, Becky and Kitty White, FL; six Breese of Des Moines of Indiana; Losee of Des Moines; Jr. of our grandchild; of nieces and will be missed him.

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Elizabeth Malith of Des Moines. Elizabeth is his aunt. He is also survived by his parents, Majok Mading Ajieth and Amer Bol Yuot; five brothers and one sister; and many other relatives.

Memorials may be made to his family.



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NORMAN DOWNING

Panora

Norman Downing, 67, passed away Thursday, November 30, 2006 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

He has lived in the Panora area all his life. He enjoyed playing pool, winning many trophies.

He is survived by his daughter; Darcy Gliem of Jamaica, sons; Scott Downing of Guthrie Center and Troy Downing of Panora. Four grandchildren. Mother; Naomi Downing of Panora and many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father and brother Clifford.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, December 4, 2006 at the First Christian Church, Panora. Burial will be in Morrisburg Cemetery, rural Stuart. Visitation will be Sunday, December 3, 2006 from 4 to 8 p.m. with family present from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beidelman-Twigg Funeral Home, Panora.

In Loving Memory Of Charles D. Singer

Charles passed away on November 27, 2006 at Kavanagh Hospice House on 56th St. He was an employee of Dow Jones Co., having worked as a pressman for 25 years printing the Wall Street Journal. He loved the outdoors, and camping and fishing with his son. His heart was in Montana, where he was born and raised.

He is survived by his wife Judy and their son John Morris Singer. No funeral or

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Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family.

HARRY J. SVEC

Ames

Harry J. Svec was born June 24, 1918 to Ralph and Lilian (Pekarek) Svec in Cleveland, OH. He died on Tuesday, November 28 at Green Hills Care Center, Ames, of heart failure.

Harry was associated with Iowa State University for 42 years, 1941 to 1983. He received his PhD in 1950, was appointed to the Iowa State faculty and rose steadily through academic ranks. In his dual role as a member of the faculty and an Ames Laboratory researcher he balanced teaching, publishing and research, gaining an international reputation for the use of mass spectrometry to settle questions in physical, inorganic and analytical chemistry. He was named a Distinguished Professor in 1978 and Professor Emeritus on retirement in 1983. After retiring, he finished writing a history of the Chemistry Department at ISU that was published this year.

He is preceded in death by his parents and only sibling, Marie Hale. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Edna Bruno Svec and his nine children and their families. They are: of Ames, IA: Ben Svec (Amie), Kathy Svec (Dorian Stripling); of Des Moines, IA: Peter Svec (Linda), Jan Svec (Barbara Klubal), Dan Svec (Joy); and Mary Svec, San Diego, CA, Tom Svec, Lock-

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Peter Svec (Linda), Jan Svec
(Barbara Klubal), Dan Svec
(Joy); and Mary Svec, San
Diego, CA, Tom Svec, Lock-
haven, PA, Jeanne Svec
(Bruce Smith), Williamsburg,
PA, Lillian Svec (Wayne Bur-
dick), Belmont, CA and
nephew, Lyn Hale (Debbie
Chapman), Fairview Park, OH.
There are 18 grandchildren
and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Stevens
Memorial Chapel on Thursday,
December 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
The funeral mass will be Fri-
day, December 8, 1 p.m. at St.
Cecilia's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his daughter, Betty Kitchen of Greeley, CO, his daughter-in-law, Kristen Yoder of Denver, CO, his grandsons, Brent Paul Yoder and Gregory David Yoder, both of Denver, CO. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Audrey, his parents, a sister, Florence Rensberger Kramer, and his son, Dwight David Yoder.

[send sympathy message]



Yoder, Earl M.
November 29, 2006

EAST UNION MENNONITE CHURCH IS LOCATED ON 560TH ST OF HWY #L RURAL KALONA.

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Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 3, 2006, at the East Union Mennonite Church located on 560th St. near Kalona. Visitation will be at the East Union Mennonite Church on Friday from 5-8 PM and Saturday from 1-8 PM. The family will be present Friday and Saturday from 1-4 and 6-8.



The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be given to Iowa City Hospice, East Union Mennonite Church, or Iowa Mennonite School.

Earl M Yoder was born near Weatherford, OK on Oct. 11, 1927, the son of Mose W and Barbara (Bender) Yoder. The family lived in Oklahoma until moving to Oregon when Earl was nine years old. He became a sergeant in the US Marine Corps, serving from 1945 to 1948 and from 1950 to 1951. In 1952, he moved to Iowa City, IA and started Earl Yoder Construction Company. On Aug. 10, 1952, he married Edna M Bontrager at East Union Mennonite Church.

He built over 600 homes and a number of light commercial buildings like motels, banks, apartments, and the addition and remodeling of East Union. He also owned many other successful businesses over the years including Iowa City Ready Mix and Old Capital Motors. The Construction Co. was sold to his son-in-law, Jim Miller, in 1991. He continued to run and maintain an office at Iowa City Ready Mix until 2006.

Earl served on the board of directors for numerous organizations like the Home Builders Association of Iowa City, the HBA of Iowa, the National HBA, Uni-Bank & Trust Co., Oaknoll Retirement Residence, Mercy Hospital Foundation, and Hills Bank & Trust Co. He was involved in many different government positions and served as a State Representative from Johnson County in the Iowa Legislature from 1966 to 1968. He was also on the Small Business Administration, State and National Advisory Councils, the State Advisory Council for Area Community Colleges, the State Building Code Advisory Council, and the Iowa Housing Finance Authority. His civic activities included President of the Iowa City Optimist Club, Director of United Way of Johnson Co., Director of Goodwill Industries of Southeast Iowa, and Director of Iowa City Chamber of Commerce.

Earl was a strong supporter of the University of Iowa and the Hawkeyes. He and Edna were great friends with many Iowa Hawkeye football players and coaches over the years. He was a member of the President's Club and a charter member of the Kinnick Society. He was on the Carver Hawkeye Arena National Campaign Committee, the University of Iowa Foundation Board of Directors, and the Ronald McDonald House Building Committee where he also served as a Regional Campaign leader. He was on the Iowa Endowment 2000 Campaign National Committee, was a University of Iowa Foundation Lifetime Honorary Director, a Co-Chair of the Hawkeye Horizons Campaign, and the Co-Chair of the High Porch Picnic for Hayden Fry's retirement. He was named Honorary Letter Winner in the National Iowa Varsity Club, and Hawk of the Year by the National I Club. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award in the Friends Category, and the Iowa Football Player's Appreciation Award.

Earl was a member of East Union Mennonite Church for over 54 years. He was also a member of the Iowa Ready Mix Concrete Association, and the Iowa City Elks Club. Earl enjoyed golfing, traveling, fishing, hunting, and gardening.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; three daughters and their husbands: Barb and Randy King of Lake Charles, LA; Deb and Jim Miller of Iowa City, IA; and Jeanne and Steve Auen of Drakesville, IA; six grandchildren: Brian Miller and his wife Kari of Keezletown, VA; Josh Tack of Missoula, MT; Jeff Miller of South Hamilton, MA; Jason Tack of Missoula, MT; and Maggie and Sarah King of Lake Charles, LA; one great grandchild: Nora Miller of Keezletown, VA. Also surviving are eight siblings; Lena Yoder of McMinnville, OR, Paul Yoder and wife Maggie of Eugene, ORE, Ed Yoder and wife Anna of Kalona, IA, Tobe Yoder and wife Treva of Nappanee, IN, Emery Yoder and wife Pauline of Nappanee, IN, Mary Miller and husband Amzy of Sullivan, IL, Barbara Miller and husband Devon of Etna Green, IN, Irvin Yoder and wife Shirley of Nappanee, IN, and three sisters-in-law; Jean Yoder of Summersville, MO, Esther Yoder of Nappanee, IN, and Becky Miller of Middlebury, IN.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Morris, Mose, and Sam Yoder.

Casket bearers will be his grandchildren; Brian Miller, Josh Tack, Jeff Miller, Jason Tack, Maggie King and Sarah King.

Habitat for Humanity in Texas. Illa Mae enjoyed quilting, baking rolls
Survivors include her husband D. Paul of Frytown, 6 children; Jerry and wife Marcia Yoder of Loveland, CO; Mary and husband Elroy Holsopple of Goshen, IN; Merle and wife Linda Yoder of Driggs, ID; Ellsward 'Pete' and wife Barb Yoder of Goshen, IN; Rhonda and husband Greg Polizzotto of Highlands Ranch, CO; and Kevin and wife Bekkey Wiebe Yoder of Lakewood, CO; 13 grandchildren; Aron Yoder and wife Melissa, Kina Miller and husband Kory Johnson, Kera Miller, Zebulon Holsopple, Asha Holsopple, Joshua and wife Jewel Yoder, Jacob Yoder, Amie and husband Mark Sankey, Amanda Yoder, Chelsea Bontrager, and Tyson Bontrager, Noah Polizzotto, Diane Polizzotto and 4 great grandchildren Andrew Yoder, Kaylee Yoder, Marie Sankey and Joseph Sankey. Also surviving are two brothers, Milton and wife Donna Erb of Casa Grande, AZ and Ron and wife Pam Erb of Milford, NE.
Preceding Illa Mae in death were her parents and two daughters; Diane Yoder and Charlene Miller.
The family wishes to thank everyone who has been so supportive of them during Illa Mae's illness and during this time of loss. Your prayers, sympathy and other acts of kindness are deeply appreciated.

Casket Bearers
Aron Yoder Kina Miller
Kera Miller Zebulon Holsopple
Asha Holsopple Joshua Yoder
Jacob Yoder
Amie Sankey
Amanda Yoder
Chelsea Bontrager
Tyson Bontrager
Noah Polizzotto
Diane Polizzotto

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Yoder, George G.
April 5, 2007

Memorial Service- Tuesday, April 24
10:00 AM
Peterseim Funeral Home
Kalona
Burial West Union Cemetery, Parnell
Family will greet Friends following burial--KALONA MENNONITE CHURCH



George Gabriel Yoder (89) of Greeley, CO., died Thursday, April 5, 2007, at Life Care of Greeley. He was born May 15, 1917 in Johnson County, Iowa, near Wellman, Iowa, the son of Noah G. and Emma (Showalter) Yoder.

George was baptized in the West Union Mennonite Church and was along time member of the United Methodist Church. He attended Hickory Grove Rural School and Center High School. He also took a course in Construction Management form Chicago Technical College. He worked as a carpenters apprentice in the rural Wellman area and as a carpenter in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in the mid 1930's. In 1938 he went to California where he was employed as a carpenter, carpenter Forman, and as a construction superintendent on Camp White in Medford, Oregon.

In 1942 he enlisted in the US Navy Seabees where he served as a Chief Carpenters Mate at Pearl Harbor and other areas of the South Pacific, earning two Bronze Stars for the Gilbert and Marshall Island Campaigns. After two and one-half years he returned to the states. Upon returning, on March 29, 1945 he married Audrey Myrtle Hicks in Reno, NV. Soon after that he was sent to Guam for six months and was discharged on November 6, 1945.

After World War II George and Audrey returned to Wellman, where he formed his own construction company for several years, during which time he founded the Wellman Ready-Mix Company. After leaving Wellman he joined W. A. Zlogar Construction Company in Ottumwa, Iowa. In 1959 he joined Universal Construction Company of Kansas City, KS. as Vice President. In 1970 he joined Hensel Phelps Construction Company, Greeley, CO., as project manager in charge of the Eastman Kodak film manufacturing plant in Windsor, CO. He was also project manager of the second building and drainage facility for the Hewlett Packard Computer and Electronics Plant in Fort Collins, CO and the Burlington Northern Locomotive Maintenance and Repair Facility in Alliance, NE. He retired in 1980 after 46 years in the construction industry.

He was a member of the Lions International Club for many years, a Melven Jones Fellow, and a Charter Member of the Wellman Lions Club in 1947. He was also a long time member of the Elks Lodge (BPOE) and Sons of the American Revolution. He was president of the Southeastern Iowa Engineering Club and on the Board of Directors of the Iowa Engineering Society.

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Yoder, Mildred A.

January 19, 2008

Services: Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008
10:30 AM at the Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church, 3369 320th St, rural Wellman
Pastor Elmer Miller will officiate. Burial in the South Gingerich Cemetery, Kalona

Visitation: Monday, Jan 21 from 4:30-8 PM at the Peterseim Funeral Home, Kalona

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS MEMORIAL MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE UPPER DEER CREEK MENNONITE CHURCH OR IOWA CITY HOSPICE

Mildred A. Yoder was born Nov. 27, 1922 in Kalona. She was the daughter of Mose P. and Annie Yoder.

Mildred attended rural schools and was a lifelong member of the Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church. She did housekeeping for a number of families who always appreciated her dedication. Bird watching, crocheting, needle work and reading were hobbies she enjoyed. She had a very artistic talent and had painted many pictures.

Mildred is survived by two sisters, Luella and Vera Yoder, both of Kalona and one brother and his wife, Emil and Minerva Yoder of Glendale, AZ.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Sylvia Brenneman and two brothers, Wesley and Ray Yoder.

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Yoder, Illa Mae

September 27, 2007

Services: Monday, October 1, 2007
11:00 AM Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church
Pastor Don Patterson and Pastor Richard Swartzendruber
Private Family Burial prior to service
Memorial Fund: Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church or Habitat for Humanity

February 3, 1928 – September 27, 2007

79 Years, 7 Months, 24 Days

Illa Mae Erb Yoder was born in rural Seward County, Nebraska, the daughter of Louis and Mabel Roth Erb. She grew up in the Milford area and attended rural schools.

On December 7, 1947 she was united in marriage to D. Paul Yoder in the East Fairview Church in Milford.

The couple started their home in Iowa and Illa Mae joined the Lower Deer Creek Mennonite church where she was active in the WMSC. Illa Mae was a registered egg technician and worked at Country Lane Eggs for 9 years.

The couple served the community in many ways, including volunteering at the Crowded Closet, cooking apple butter for the MCC Sale and the Fall Festival. They began cooking apple butter the very first year of the festival in 1972 and continued until three years ago. They served for 9 years with the Rio Grande