

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Crabby, Frank A., Jr. Senator  
Represented Crawford, Harrison and Monroe Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 May 1903 Decatur, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Dorothy Ward 1931

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Vice-president and general manager of Farmland Foods;  
Director of Mercantile Bank in Des Moines, Iowa;

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Des Moines Chamber of Commerce;  
Mason; Shriner

C. Profession Plant manager of Farmland Foods in Des Moines, Iowa;  
employed by Swift and Company in Chicago for 25 years

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 63rd General Assembly 1969-1970

6. Public Offices 65th 66th 67th 68th 69th General Assemblies 1913-1974  
1975-1976; 1977-1978; 1979-1980; 1981-1982

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State Appointed Iowa State vehicle dispatcher for 2 years by Governor  
Robert D. Ray

C. National Advocate with the AARP - American Association of Retired  
Persons

7. Death 28 Nov 1995 Lakewood, New Jersey; buried Oakland Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children Susan (Mrs. Johnson);

9. Names of parents Frank A. (Sr)

Crabb, Frank A.

10. Education He graduated from Litchfield, Illinois High School  
1922

11. Degrees Attended De Pauw University Greencastle,  
Indiana graduating in 1926; also attended the  
University of Chicago

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was board member, Director Illinois and grew up in Litchfield,  
Minnesota

- He was a meat packing education and farmer; he received the  
Honorary Master Pork Producer of Iowa award



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1993 flood. Federal and state grants were obtained to combine with funds from Purity Farms to accomplish the remodeling and installation of new equipment.

"We welcome you and your employees to Denison," Chamber of Commerce President Denny Nepl told Schroeder. "It was a great team effort."

their contributions to the plant.

Schroeder recognized Dick for his part in enabling Purity to locate in Denison. "He is a hero," Schroeder said. He said he traveled to Maryland to talk about the plant and that he asked why he should be in Denison.

# Crabb, longtime state legislator a

Frank Crabb, retired business executive and former longtime Iowa legislator from Denison, died Wednesday night at age 92.

He died after becoming ill with pneumonia at the Harrogate Health Care Center at Lakewood, N.J., where he had been living for the past six years.

Following cremation, a memorial service is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at Clark Auditorium at Harrogate, Lakewood, N.J. Robert C. Neary Funeral Home, Manasquan, N.J. is handling arrangements.

Interment of ashes will be scheduled at a later date at Oakland Cemetery in Denison. Memorials may be made to United Presbyterian Church in Denison.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; one daughter, Susan Johnson of Chatham, N.J.; one grandson; two granddaughters; and two sisters,

Blanche Robinson of Keokuk and Jeanne Stevens of Santa Cruz, Calif.

Crabb was a Republican who served in the Iowa House of Representatives for 12 years. In business, he was successful in the meat industry, capping his career as the first plant manager of Farmland Foods in Denison, known then as Farmbest.

The longtime Denison resident was born in Decatur, Ill., and grew up in Litchfield, Minn. He attended DePauw University at Greencastle, Ind., where he played football and graduated with the class of 1926.

Crabb was employed by Swift and Co. in Chicago for 25 years, including three years working for Swift in Australia. Upon his retirement in 1968, Crabb was vice president and general manager at Farmland Foods.

Always active in community affairs, Crabb was a founder and president of the Denison Rotary Club, president of



**Frank Crabb**

ly a model, he said. We congratulate Purity Farms. We are happy to be part of the project."

Mike Fasteneau of the Iowa Department of Economic Development also praised the "partnership of private and public funds." The project shows that "one door may close but another may open," he said, despite the damage to the building caused by the flood.

munity of Denison.

"Because of companies like Purity Farms, Iowa continues to have quality jobs and increased economic development in our communities. The people of Denison can take great pride in this grand opening.

"While I am unable to be with you today, I send my personal best wishes for an enjoyable event."

and low 34.

**Extended Forecast:** Saturday, partly cloudy, high 62 and low 34. Sunday thru Monday, mostly cloudy, high 53-55 and lows 30-32. Tuesday, partly cloudy, high 55 and low 29.

# Denison business executive, dies

Frank Crabb, director of Crawford County Development Corp., director of Norwest Bank in Denison, advisor and fundraiser for the Boy Scouts, member of the board of elders of United Presbyterian Church and member of the Denison Chamber of Commerce.

Crabb was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1968, serving one term. In 1970, Governor Robert Ray appointed Crabb state vehicle dispatcher, a post he held two years.

In 1972, Crabb was again elected to the House where he served until 1982. In the House, Crabb was instrumental in adoption of the state's can and bottle redemption law and a law prohibiting pay toilets.

Following his legislative career, Crabb remained active in the Older Iowans Legislature and as an advo-

## Governor remembers colleague

Governor Terry Branstad said Thursday he remembers Frank Crabb fondly as a colleague in the Iowa Legislature and political ally.

"I served with him in the House of Representatives. We were very good friends. We had a very good relationship. He was a fine legislator and I enjoyed working with him," Branstad said.

"He would buy Iowa flags to fly over the Capitol and donate them to the community. He told me about that and I thought that was a good idea. I copied it from him," he said.

"He was a very good supporter when I ran for lieutenant governor and governor," said Branstad. "He was certainly a fine man. He served very honorably in the House of Representatives."

cate with the American Association of Retired Persons.

"Frank was one of the gentlemen I have ever known. Mayor Ralph Borcharding, a friend and political supporter, was a great asset to Denison, a true community booster and a conscientious legislator."

Borcharding and the late Frank Crabb served as co-chairmen for the campaign during most of his legislative campaigns.

Among his legislative achievements, Borcharding said, was Crabb's promotion of higher education through a satellite branch of the city or college. "Maybe that brought Buena Vista here, but I don't know, or it may have had an effect on the community college," Borcharding said.