

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Davitt, Philip A. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represents Adair, Clarke, Dallas, Madison and Harrison Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 May 1931 Madison County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Geo Love 1960

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was on the Board of Directors of the Polk-Harrison County Mutual Insurance Company

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Livestock and grain farmer; floral shop owner

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 67<sup>th</sup>, 68<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1977-1978, 1979-1980

6. Public Offices

A. Local Township trustee

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

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

7. Death 21 Oct 1994 Bella Vista, Arkansas, buried Bella Vista Cemetery, Bella Vista, AR

8. Children Mark, Michael; Joseph; Jay; Maria (Mrs. Robinson);  
Juliel (Mrs. Hookins)

9. Names of parents Phil and Barbara Davitt

Davitt, Philip A.

10. Education He graduated from Martensdale, Iowa High School,  
1949

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He was employed earlier as an employee of Shiveley Lumber  
Rubber Company, engineer for Rock Island Railroad and an  
insurance agent



# Davitt's love of politics, people remembered

By Michael Rolands

Philip Davitt, who represented Warren County for eight years in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1976 to 1984, died Oct. 21 of a heart attack at his retirement home in Bella Vista, Ark.

Davitt, who is survived by his wife, Theo, six children and many other relatives, was 63.

"He will be a real loss to the Democratic Party," said Warren County Auditor Bev Dickerson, a longtime friend of the family.

In addition to serving in the Iowa House, Davitt ran for the U.S.

House of Representatives in the 5th District in 1984 and for the Iowa Senate in 1986. During his time in the House, Davitt served as assistant majority leader and chair of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Davitt's death drew surprise from U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, a native of Cumming in Warren County. "I was surprised to hear about Phil's untimely death," Harkin said in a release. "My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Theo and the rest of Phil's family. Phil was my representative in the Iowa Legislature, and he was always forthright and diligent in doing the people's work; he represented Warren County extremely well. Phil and I worked together on many issues, and I considered him a close friend and adviser. He will truly be

missed."

Politics was one of the loves of Davitt's life, according to State Rep. Linda Beatty, D-Indianola. "I have known Phil Davitt since the 1970s, and the two things he liked best were politics and people," she said. "He had a lot of ideas on how to make government work better for people. When he left the Iowa House to run for Congress, he advised me on campaigning. He was one of the best campaigners, a tireless worker who could talk to anyone."

"Although we did not always agree on the issues, and Phil later ran against me in the Democratic primary for state representative, I admired his tenacious spirit and his ability to influence people."

Dickerson said Davitt "never saw a stranger anywhere. Phil was

one of those people who, as he walked up to you, his right hand would always be out to shake."

"He was very dynamic," Warren County Supervisor Bill McClymond said. "It was almost impossible to say no to Phil Davitt."

McClymond said Davitt was equally concerned about rural and urban issues. "He tried to be a common ground between urban and rural and between the wealthy and the poor."

Outside of politics, Davitt farmed in Warren County and owned floral shops in Indianola, Bedford, Villisca and Clarinda. He retired in 1990, moving to Bella Vista. A memorial service will be held at St. John's Catholic Church in Cumming on Friday, Nov. 25. He was buried Oct. 24 in Arkansas.

An obituary appears on page 9A.



Philip Davitt

## Residents on list for IRS refund checks

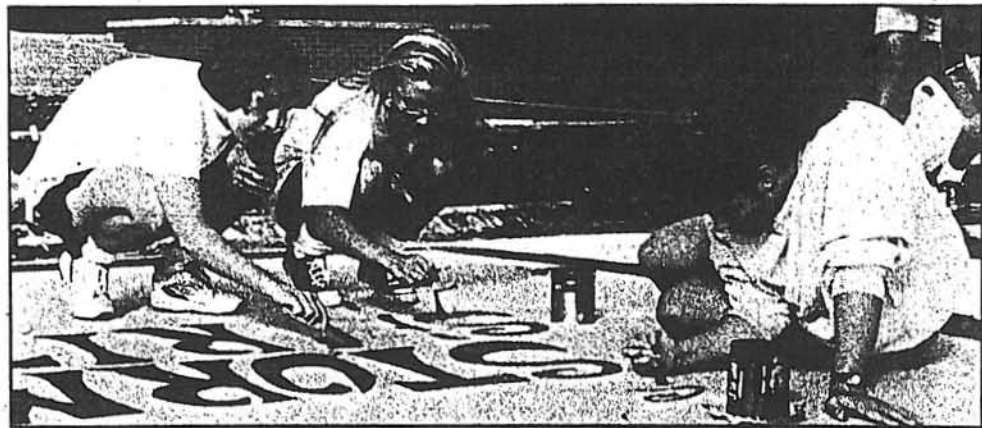
The Internal Revenue Service is trying to locate 517 Iowans who are due federal tax refunds including several Warren County residents.

"These refund checks were returned as undeliverable by the Postal Service," said Stephen J. Stalcup, IRS district director for the state. "Every year hundreds of checks are returned because the addresses on the tax returns were not legible or the taxpayers moved."

He suggested that people avoid these kinds of problems by using the peel-off label that comes with their tax package or by filing Form 8822, "Change of Address" whenever they move.

Anyone whose name appears on the list should call the IRS at (800) 829-1040 or write to: IRS, 210 Walnut St., Attn: Taxpayer Service Division, Stop 31-1, Des Moines, IA 50309, and establish their identity and right to receive the check.

Local residents whose names appear on the list include: Lisa M. Carter, Benjamin J. Clarke, Jeff D. Johnson and Lori E. Mallett, all of Indianola; and Shane P. Johnson of Norwalk.



### Storming the sidewalks

Simpson College students (from left) Angle Heller, Jill Beyer and Allison Lumdsen took advantage of the mild weather to join in the

sidewalk painting Oct. 20 in preparation for homecoming weekend.

RHT photo/Michael Rolands

# Kay King

- Kay & Ken King and their two daughters have lived in Warren County for 24 years.
- Small Business owner, 7 years.

## Kay King Will:

- Work toward change in the inheritance tax so that farms can be passed on to future generations.
- Work to improve opportunities for businesses in rural towns to keep people in those locations.
- Work to provide incentives for young farmers to remain on the farm or begin farming their own land.



Vote Kay King on November 8.

State Senate District 15

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## Philip Davitt

Philip Davitt, 63, former Iowa legislator of Bella Vista, Ark., died of a heart attack Friday, Oct. 21, 1994, at his home. Funeral services were held Oct. 24 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Bentonville, Ark., of which he was a member, with burial at Bella Vista Cemetery. An additional memorial service will be held Friday, Nov. 25, at 7 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Cumming.



Philip Davitt

Mr. Davitt, a Democrat, was a state representative for Warren County and parts of Dallas, Madison, Adair and Clarke counties from 1976 through 1984. He served as assistant majority leader and chairman of the House Ways and

Means Committee.

Mr. Davitt farmed in Warren County, where he was born, and owned floral shops in Indianola, Bedford, Villisca and Clarinda. He retired in 1990 and moved to Bella Vista. He had been a member of Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Theo; four sons, Mark of Pleasant Hill; Mike of St. Marys, Joe of Johnston and Jay of Bella Vista; two daughters, Maria Robison and Julie Haskins, both of Bella Vista; his mother, Barbara Davitt of Norwalk; a brother, Robert of Des Moines; five sisters, Mary Steinhauer of Parnell, Mo., Joann Deatsch of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Dorothy Thomas of Morton, Ill., Jane McCurnin of Norwalk and Helen Ripperger of Indianola; and 16 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Bentonville, Ark.

## Carl R. Turner

Carl R. Turner, 70, of Indianola died Monday, Oct. 17, 1994, of complications after a stroke. Services were held Oct. 20 at Overton Funeral Home, with burial at Indianola IOOF Cemetery.

Mr. Turner was born in Stockton, Mo., and moved to Indianola in 1946. He retired as a machinist for Mid Central Plastics and was a member of Indianola First Church

of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia; three sons, Carl, Danny and Larry, and a daughter, Lois Enga, all of Indianola; a brother, Roy of Kansas City, Kan.; a sister, Mary Neely of Stockton; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church.

## Dorothy E. Donahue

Dorothy E. Donahue, 73, of West Des Moines died Sunday, Oct. 16, 1994, at Norwalk Manor Care Center of complications of Alzheimer's disease. Graveside services were held Oct. 19 at

Frank; a son, Michael of Tempe, Ariz.; three daughters, Patricia Rogers of West Des Moines, JoAnn Burgess of Blair, Neb., and Dorothy Campbell of Clive; a sister, Mary McConnell of Adel; 13 grandchil-

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