

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Robinson, Kenneth Albert Senator _____

Represented Audubon County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 Sept 1914 Victory Township, Guthrie County, Iowa
near Panora, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Louise Moulton 6 Oct 1946 Stewart, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Served on local and statewide library boards, president of the
Guthrie County Development Association

B. Civic responsibilities Lions Club;

C. Profession Newspaper publisher

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 61st General Assembly 1965

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Bayard, Iowa 4 years; city councilman 7 years;

B. State Served on the Iowa Civil Rights Commission; member of the Iowa
Development Commission 1959-1962

C. National _____

7. Death 30 Apr 2004 Bayard, Iowa; buried Highland Township Cemetery near Bayard, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Albert Marshall and Edna Elvira (Maynard) Robinson

Robinson, Kenneth Albert

10. Education Educated and a graduate of the Parsons, Iowa Public Schools in 1934

11. Degrees Graduate of Drake University, Des Moines Iowa with a B.A. degree in Economics

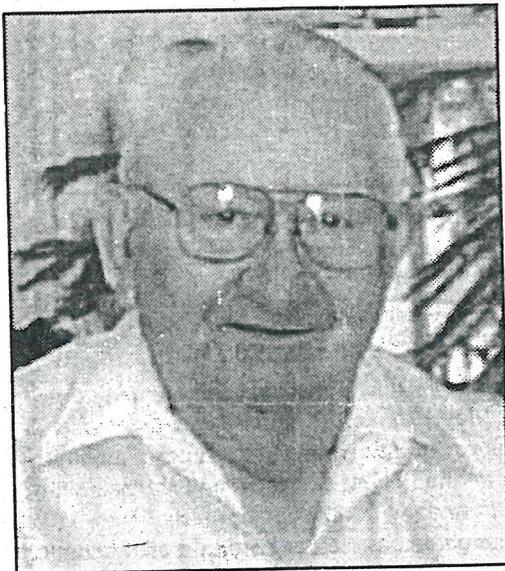
12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He was a polio victim at age 16, but it didn't slow him down. He walked with crutches until at age 80 he began using a wheelchair.
- He had the dream of being a country newspaper editor. While at Drake University he took many journalistic classes. Also while at Drake he was managing editor of The Times-Adelphia. For it he wrote mostly sport articles. He also wrote for the Des Moines Register and Tribune.
- He was able to purchase The Cayart News and The Bagley Gazette newspapers in 1948. In 1981 he added ownership of The Scranton Journal newspaper. He retired on Apr 30, 1999.
- He and his wife received many state and national awards and honors.
- They were major donors toward the construction of the Cayart Public Library
- He donated his body to scientific study.

Former Newspaper Publisher Kenneth Robinson Died Friday

Ken Robinson of Bayard, the long-time editor of *The News Gazette*, died Friday at Bayard Nursing and Rehab Center. He was 89 years of age.

Known for his strong Democratic political views and for voicing his opinions vigorously, Robinson was an icon in the newspaper industry. He believed in community service and demonstrated that belief by serving on numerous boards and committees, locally and statewide.



Ken served as Mayor of Bayard for 24 years. He also was elected to the Bayard City Council, serving seven years in that capacity. He was the driving force in the installation of the sewer system in Bayard as well as improving the streets.

He was instrumental in the construction of the senior citizens apartments in Bayard and the Bayard Community Center. Ken was a charter member of the Bayard Lions Club.

A victim of polio at the age of 16, Ken never let the loss of use of his legs slow him down. He walked with the aid of crutches until he was almost 80 years old before utilizing a wheelchair for mobility. He campaigned for Easter Seals and assisted local families with children handicapped by polio.

A strong supporter of libraries, Ken and his wife, Mary Louise, were major donors toward the construction of the Bayard Public Library. Both served on local and statewide library boards.

Ken graduated from Panora High School and Drake University in Des Moines. An economics major, Robinson was able to live his dream to be a country editor. He purchased *The Bayard News and Bagley Gazette* in April 1940 and served as editor until April 30, 1999, when he retired.

Ken and Mary Louise entered Bayard Nursing and Rehab Center in late March. His health declined rapidly and he died there on April 30. His wife; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends survive him.

His desire for knowledge never slowed with his age. Ken donated his body to science so that students could learn and study the effects of polio at Des Moines University.

He requested no memorial service.

KENNETH ALBERT ROBINSON

Kenneth Albert, son of Albert Marshall and Eolian Elvira (Maynard) Robinson, was born September 29, 1914, in Victory Township, Guthrie County, on the banks of what is now Lake Panorama in the area called "Scrappy Hollow". During his junior year of high school, Ken was stricken with polio. Though he lost the use of his legs, he

graduated from Panora High School in 1934. Kenneth then graduated from Drake University with a major in economics. In addition, he took many journalism classes as his dream was to own and publish a country newspaper. While at Drake, he was managing editor of the *Times Delphic* where he wrote primarily sports articles and also wrote for the *Des Moines Register and Tribune*.

In 1940, he became owner and publisher of *The Bayard News and Bagley Gazette*. In 1981, he added *The Scranton Journal* to his ownership. Over the years, he purchased and then sold several other Iowa newspapers. He retired April 30, 1999.

On October 6, 1946, Kenneth was united in marriage with Mary Louise Moulton at the Congregational Church in Stuart. They made their home in Bayard where they owned and published the newspaper. Over the years, they received many state and national awards and honors. They were both recipients of the Iowa Master Editor Publisher Award. Kenneth was nationally recognized with the Amos Award given to the person who is considered to have done the most for the newspaper industry and his own community.

Ken served as mayor of Bayard for 24 years. He also served as president of the League of Iowa Municipalities. He was active in the Democratic Party, organizing Student Democrats while at Drake, serving as county chair, district committeeman and delegate-at-large to three National Conventions. In 1964, he was elected from Audubon and Guthrie Counties as a State Representative. He also served on the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and the board of Friends of Iowa Public Television. He was the first recipient of the Easter Seals of America award to honor the disabled person in America who had provided outstanding service to government and community.

The Bayard Community was very important to Kenneth. He was a charter member of the Lions Club; organized Bayard Senior Citizens Housing Corporation that built several low rent complexes and the Community Center and was involved in the establishment of the nursing home. The library was also a beneficiary of his support, both locally and statewide. Ken was given a lifetime membership to the Iowa State Library Association and was president of the board of the Southwest Iowa Regional Library Association.

In late March, Kenneth and Mary Louise moved to Bayard Nursing and Rehab Center where he died on April 30, 2004, at the age of 89 years. Preceding him in death were his parents; two sisters, May and husband Ralph Holmes and Pearl and husband, Irvin Christian.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Louise of Bayard; three nephews, Harold Holmes and his wife, Betty of Boone; Vernon Holmes and wife, Frances of Jefferson, and Norman Robinson and his wife, Delores of Knoxville; two nieces, Doris Clark of Bagley and Zola and husband, Gary Parker of Sunrise Beach, MO; other relatives and friends.

Kenneth donated his body to scientific study at Des Moines University. No services are planned. His cremated remains will be interred in Highland Township Cemetery south of Bayard at a later date.

Ohde Funeral Home in Bayard is in charge of arrangements.

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