

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Varney, Charles Austin Senator _____

Served from Clinton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 Mar 1903 Clinton, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Jessie Marie Steffy Jan 1924 Magueta, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Past president of the Clinton Labor Congress

B. Civic responsibilities Clinton County Red Cross; outreach worker for Clinton Community Action program; organized Lyons Senior Citizens Club; VMC & Army Cadets Club; Lyons Civic Club

C. Profession Corn processor at Clinton Corn Processing Company

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 6th General Assembly 1965-1966

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 10 Feb 1972 Clinton, Iowa; Buried Clinton Memorial Park, Clinton, Iowa

8. Children Donald H.

9. Names of parents Elmer Jacob and Enge (Naberg) Varney

Jarney, Charles Gustav

10. Education Educated in the public schools of
Clinton, Iowa

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat
- Employee of the Clinton Coal Processing Company, Clinton,
Iowa until his retirement in 1968.
- Military service - He served 4 1/2 years in the Army National Guard.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-	Obituary		The Clinton Herald, Clinton, Iowa, Ia. Feb 11, 1972, p 12, col 1, 2
-	Iowa Official Register		1965-1966, p. 98
-	Iowa Journal		1972, p. 1472

Varney Dies; Was State Legislator

Charles G. Varney, 68, 432 11th Ave. S., a former Clinton County state representative, was pronounced dead on arrival at Mercy Hospital where he was taken by ambulance early Thursday afternoon. It was believed he had suffered a heart attack.

The funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Shaddock-Cannon Funeral Home with Brent Wassmer, president of the Mormon Church of Clinton, officiating. Burial will be in Clinton Memorial Park. Friends may call at the funeral home after 4 p.m. today.

Pallbearers will be Paul Krouger, Robert Bennett, Zellis House, Robert Napolitano, Russell Luckritz Sr. and Robert Soesbe. Mormon Church leaders will act as honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Varney was born March 22, 1903, in Clinton, the son of Elmer and Grace Hagberg Varney. He attended Clinton schools. He married Jessica Merle Steffey in January of 1924, in Maquoketa.

Mr. Varney served one term in the Iowa House of Representatives after his election in 1964. He was an employe of Clinton Corn Processing Co. before retirement in 1968. As a state representative he had served on the House Commerce, Human and Industrial Relations, and Ways and Means committees.

Mr. Varney was a past president of Clinton Labor Congress and had held various offices in Local 6, American Federation of Grain Millers. He also had served on the board of directors of the Clin-



Charles G. Varney

Survivors include his widow; one son, Don W. Varney of Route 3; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one niece; one nephew, and one stepsister, Mrs. Don (Helen) Hurlburt of Clinton. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

CLINTON MISS ROSE BROCKETT

Miss Rose Brockett, 61, a resident of the Clinton County Home in Charlotte, died this morning in Jane Lamb Hospital.

A private funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Snell-Smith Funeral Home, where friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today. Place of burial has not been determined.

Miss Brockett was born July 19, 1910, in Clinton, the daughter of William and Manday

(Vernetta) Peters Clinton; one son, Loral Clinton; nine children, nine grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded by one son, three daughters and one sister and his parents.

CLINTON BYRON P. HARRIS

A memorial service for Byron P. Harris, 55, S., who died Tuesday, was held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Riverside Presbyterian Church with the Rev. James officiating. Military service will be conducted by the U.S. Navy Ring center, Davenport.

Mr. Harris remains to the Department of Anatomy, School of Medicine, University of Iowa.

There will be no funeral. Arrangements are being handled by the Delta Home. Memorial service will be at the funeral home.

CLINTON MRS. LAVINA HOE

Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Boniface Church. Mrs. Lavina Hoer, 25th Ave. N., who died Tuesday. The Rev. H. H. H. will officiate. Burial will be in Clinton Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Alvin Witt, Alvin Maurice Jensen, V. D. Thon, Delbert Thon, and Bert Dierks.

Friends may call at Pape Funeral Home after 4 p.m. Friday.

Lavina, daughter of Winifred Far was born Dec. 18, 1905, in Goose Lake, S. D. She was a member of the S. D. State Historical Society, member of S. D. State Historical Society, member of S. D. State Historical Society.

Merle Steffey in January of 1924, in Maquoketa.

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Mr. Varney was a past president of Clinton Labor Congress and had held various offices in Local 6, American Federation of Grain Millers. He also had served on the board of directors of the Clinton County Red Cross Chapter.

More recently Mr. Varney had served as an out-reach worker for the Clinton Community Action program and was instrumental in organizing the Lyons Senior Citizens Club, the YMCA Senior Citizens Club and the Southside Senior Citizens Club.

He was past president of the Alcoholic Guidance Council, and had served on the advisory board for the fund drive at Mercy Hospital. He was a member of the Clinton Mormon Church, and the Lyons Civic Club. Mr. Varney had served on the Clinton County Democratic central committee and as a precinct committeeman.

After his election as state representative, Varney, in a press interview asked "Don't you think I have come a long way out of the brush?"

He was referring to his birth on Beaver Island and added that "I even went to school there." This was the old Bryant School which was phased out many years ago. He often said he had only gone through 4th grade.

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She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

CLINTON

HENRY J. SCHEPLER

The funeral service for Henry J. Schepler, 88, 2830 Pershing Blvd., who died Thursday, will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in St. John's Lutheran Church. The Rev. Eugene Rall will officiate and burial will be in Oakland Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Don Peters, Kenneth Schepler, Meredith Schepler, Charles Schepler, Allen Petersen and Leland Nation.

Friends may call at the Pape Funeral Home after 2 p.m. Friday and at noon Saturday at the church.

Henry, son of Carl and Fredricka Groth Schepler, was born Dec. 12, 1883 in Clinton County. He married Eleanora Eickert, June 9, 1909 in St. John's Lutheran Church where he was an elder and member of the Voting Assembly and Men's Club.

Survivors include his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Leonard

Harbor will officiate will be in Clinton Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will Witt, Alvin C. Maurice Jensen, Walter, Delbert Thomsert Dierks.

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Lavina, daughter and Winifred Farre was born Dec. 2, 1925 in Goose Lake. She was a member of St. Carsten Hoenicke, Church and the Church and Rosary Society.

Survivors include Mrs. Ethel Dunlavy and Mrs. Arthur Hansen of Clinton; Stanley of Clinton and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by her parents, October 1967, and on

WYOMING

AUGUST CARSTEN

August Carstens Wyoming died Tuesday at University Hospital in Cheyenne. The funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Wyoming Methodist Church, and will be in the Wyoming Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Hayden Funeral Home after 2 p.m. Friday and at noon Saturday at the church.

Mr. Carstensen near Wyoming, 1915, to August and Lela Petersen. He graduated from High School and worked for most of his life in the Wyoming port, Jan. 27, 1945.

Survivors are his son, Dennis of Maquoketa; three grandsons, John and Herman of Maquoketa; and four sisters, Mrs. (Emma) Paulson

State of Iowa

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ROGER W. JEPSEN, President of the Senate
WILLIAM H. HARBOR, Speaker of the House

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Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

JOSEPH C. JOHNSTON
ARTHUR A. SMALL, JR.
KEITH H. DUNTON
Committee

CHARLES VARNEY

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Charles Varney, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Charles Varney was born in Clinton, Iowa, on March 22, 1903. He was the son of Elmer and Enga Varney.

Mr. Varney married Jessie Merle Steffey on January 2, 1926 and to this union was born one son.

Mr. Varney's formal education ended after four years in a one-room school house on Beaver Island near Clinton. However, he transcended the bounds of formal schooling to achieve a record of leadership and service to his fellowman, his community and the State of Iowa that is, indeed, outstanding.

Mr. Varney, an employee of the Clinton Corn Processing Company before he retired in 1968, was president of both the Grain Millers Union and the Clinton Labor Congress. He was a member of the executive board of the Clinton American Red Cross, the Solicitation Review Board, the Clinton County Democratic Central Committee and was a social member of the Clinton Eagle Lodge. He also served as precinct committeeman and vice president of the second district COPE (Committee on Political Education). Mr. Varney was an active member of the Chamcy Lutheran Church and was well known in the community for his work with the elderly.

Mr. Varney, a Democrat, was elected to the House of Representatives in 1964 and served one two year term.

Mr. Varney passed away on February 10, 1972. He is survived by his widow, Jessie; a son Donald W., of rural Clinton; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Charles Varney, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of the family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

JOHN CAMP
RICHARD J. NORPEL
CHARLES H. PELTON
Committee



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- **ID:** I19078
- **Name:** Charles Varney
- **Surname:** Varney
- **Given Name:** Charles
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 22 Mar 1903 in Clinton, Clinton Co, IA
- **Death:** Feb 1972 in Clinton, Clinton Co, IA
- **Burial:** UNKNOWN Clinton Memorial Park, Clinton, Clinton Co, IA
- **UID:** D47ECF27E195AB42A962D052901F310AC25B
- **Note:**

Former State Rep Charles G Varney, 68, Clinton, was pronounced dead Thurson arrival at Mercy Hospital, Clinton. He was taken by city ambulance from his home at 432 11th Ave S, where officials said he suffered an apparent heart attack shortly before 1pm. The body is at Shaddock-Cannon Funeral Home, Clinton. Visitation will begin tonight at the funeral home. Mr Varney was elected to the IA House of Representatives in 1964 & served 1 term. He was 1 of the few Democrats ever to serve in the IA House from Clinton Co. Mr Varney was employed by Clinton Corn Processing Co until he retired in 1968. He was active in Democratic party politics & served as precinct committeeman, a member of the party central committee, & vice president of the Committee on Political Education in the 2nd Congressional District. He also was active in labor union affairs. After he retired at Clinton Corn, Varney became an outreach worker for Clinton-Jackson Community Action, later merged with IA East Central TRAIN of Davenport. He held that post at the time of his death. He was born at Clinton, spent his boyhood in a cabin at Beaver Island, where the family lived. He attended Bry School, Clinton, & frequently joked that his schooling ended at 4th grade, although his education did not. He married Jessie Merle Steffey at Clinton in 1926. He served 4 1/2 yrs in the IA National Guard. Among the survivors are his wife & a son, Donald, Clinton.



Iowa Newspaper

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Marriage 1 Jessie Merle Steffey b: 26 Jul 1904 in South Fork Township, Jackson Co, IA

- *Married:* ABT 1924 in Maquoketa, Jackson County, Iowa
- *Married:* ABT 1926 in Clinton, Clinton County, Iowa

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Pedigree

Sex: M

Event(s)**Birth:** 22 Mar 1903

Clinton, Clinton County, Iowa

Death: Feb 1972

Clinton, Clinton County, Iowa

Burial: UNKNOWNClinton Memorial Park, Clinton, Clinton County, Iowa

Parents

Marriage(s)**Spouse:** Jessie Merle Steffey Disc #57 Pin #67063**Marriage:** abt 1924Maquoketa, Jackson County, Iowa

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CHARLES GUSTAV VARNEY

Pedigree

Male

Event(s):**Birth:** 22 MAR 1903 Clinton, Clinton, Iowa**Christening:****Death:** 10 FEB 1972**Burial:****Parents:****Father:** ELMER JACOB VARNEY

Family

Mother: ENGA HAGBERG**Messages:**

No source document or additional information exists.

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