

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

(red name is Joseph Kenneth Jr.)

Name of Representative Stringer, Kenneth Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Scott County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 Aug 1922 Rock Island, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Mary Elene Parrott

② Paula Murphy

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities YMCA Club; YMCA; Chamber of Commerce  
News; American Legion

C. Profession Vice president and salesman at Harwood  
Langwith, Inc automobile agency

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 58<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1959-1960

6. Public Offices

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

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

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

7. Death 18 Jan 2007 Fort Wayne, Indiana; buried Oakdale Memorial Gardens,avenport,

8. Children Judee (Dr. Judee Bargoorn); Della; Marilyn; Joseph Kenneth III, Iowa  
Harmon

9. Names of parents Joseph Kenneth Stringer

Stronger, Kenneth

10. Education He attended public schools in Union, New Jersey, Greenbrier Military School in Lewisburg, West Virginia

11. Degrees He attended college at Auburn, Alabama (A.S.T.P.) and Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa in late 1940's

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He owned Rent-A-Car System and a taxi service while attending college at Ames, Iowa.

- Military service - World War II, U.S. Army

- He was considered an entrepreneur right from his early years by running a taxi service, hot dog and sandwich delivery service, etc.

- He started working with Harold J. Langworth, Ames, a family car dealership in Des Moines, Iowa. He eventually took over as owner.

Stanger, Kenneth

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source            Non Applicable            Applicable            Information obtained

- Iowa Official Register 1959-1960, p.102  
- Materials from the Postcard Collection found in the archives at the State  
Iowa Historical Library, 600 E. Lowist, Des Moines, Iowa  
- Obituary - The Quad City Times, Davenport, Iowa  
Iowa. Jan 21, 2007, p. C7, col. 5

## B. Stout

DAVENPORT — Ethel B. Stout, 94, of Davenport passed away, January 19, 2007, at the Davenport Lutheran Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 23, 2007, in the Runge Mortuary Chapel.

Clarence Pannier will officiate. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. Monday at the mortuary. Burial will follow at Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery. Contributions of flowers, memorials can be made to Davenport Lutheran Home.

She was the former Ethel B. Reiling, born June 29, 1912, the daughter of Berney and Mary (Jahn) Reiling. She married Orville E. Stout in 1938.

She was employed at the Davenport Post Office for 15 years. She was a member of the Davenport Lutheran Church and enjoyed sewing "special" items for her grandchildren. She liked cooking, fishing, playing cards, and dancing in her younger years. She loved family get-togethers. She was appreciative of many friends who cared for her at the Davenport Lutheran Home.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Orville; daughter, Dorae (Robert) Stout; grandchildren, Marty, of Davenport; Daniel (Donna), of Houston, Texas; Lisa of Davenport; and Tracy of Seattle. She is survived by three great-grandchildren in Houston; and several sons and nephews.

## Joseph Kenneth Stringer Jr.

DAVENPORT — Joseph (Ken) Kenneth Stringer Jr., 84, died Thursday, January 18, 2007, in Ft. Wayne, Ind., after complications from surgery earlier in the week. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, at Weert's Funeral Home, Davenport. Visitation will be from 11:30 to 1 p.m., with services following and burial at Oakdale Memorial Gardens.



Stringer

Ken was born in Rock Island, one of the large Langwith clan in the Quad City area. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and then attended Iowa State University in the late forties. He was affiliated with Beta Theta Pi. He was an entrepreneur from the very beginning, running a taxi service, a hot dog and sandwich delivery service, and other endeavors, while getting an education. He married Mary Elene Parrott, moved to Davenport, and started a family. He started working at Warren L. Langwith, Inc., the family car dealership in downtown Davenport, and eventually he took over as the owner. During the late 50's he served as an Iowa State Representative, and in the early 60's he ran for U.S. Senator. He loved to take his family on trips and refused to use a map; life was an adventure for everyone. He is best remembered for his active mind in business, his entrepreneurship, his love of golf and golf ball collecting, his political passion, his love of family, dancing, and his wonderful dry sense of humor. He was a true gentleman. Although he was "shy" he always had a twinkle in his big blue eyes, and some wry humor just waiting to be expressed. When he decided

to retire, he decided to travel and many nieces and nephews. His mother and father, brothers, Marvin and Thomas Cunningham, and sisters, Dorothy Morgan and Mary Ann Cunningham preceded James in death. May he rest in peace.

## Rock Island

### Bonnie L. Leatherman

ROCK ISLAND — Bonnie L. Leatherman, 66, of Rock Island, and formerly Orion, died Friday, January 19, 2007, at her home, with her loving family by her side.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, at South Park Presbyterian Church, Rock Island. Burial will be in Chippiannock Cemetery, Rock Island. Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, at the Wheelan Funeral Home, Rock Island.

### Sheri A. Holt

ROCK ISLAND — Sheri A. Holt, 51, of Rock Island, died Thursday, January 18, 2007, at Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House, Bettendorf. Memorial services will be 4 p.m. Monday, January 22, 2007, at DeRoo



Holt

Funeral Home, Moline. Inurnment will be at Moline Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Blackhawk Educational Center or Gilda's Club.

Sheri was born October 2, 1955 in Moline, the daughter of S. Allen and Janice Lavender Holt.

Sheri was a computer specialist for the Rock Island Arsenal and at Blackhawk Area Educational Center.

Sheri was president for 4 years for the P.T.O. Blackhawk Educational Center and a coach for the Special Olympics. Survivors include her son

ning items for her grand-children. She liked cooking, camping, fishing, playing cards, and dancing in her younger years. She loved family get-togethers. She was appreciative of many friends who cared for her at the Davenport Lutheran Home.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Orville; daughter, Dorae (Robert) Bettendorf; grandchildren, Marty, of Bettendorf, Daniel (Donna), of Houston, Texas, Lisa of Davenport, and Tracy of Seattle, Wash.; three great-grandchildren in Houston; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, granddaughter, Karen, a sister, three brothers, and several nieces and nephews.

### Charles E. Thomas

DAVENPORT — Funeral services for Charles E. Thomas, 94, Davenport, will be 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday at Cunnick-Collins Mortuary, Davenport. Family will greet friends Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the mortuary. Burial will be at the Rock Island Memorial Cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by Davenport American Legion Post 26. Charles died on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at the Davenport Lutheran Home.

Charles Edward Thomas was born on September 30, 1912, in Rock Island, Ill., the son of Roscoe and Cecelia (Madden) Thomas. He married Darlene Baldwin on November 2, 1974, in Galena, Ill. He worked at J.I. Case as a fork lift operator for 18 years, then worked at the Rock Island Arsenal for nine years, retiring in 1974.



Thomas

port, and eventually he took over as the owner. During the late 50's he served as an Iowa State Representative, and in the early 60's he ran for U.S. Senator. He loved to take his family on trips and refused to use a map; life was an adventure for everyone. He is best remembered for his active mind in business, his entrepreneurship, his love of golf and golf ball collecting, his political passion, his love of family, dancing, and his wonderful dry sense of humor. He was a true gentleman. Although he was "shy" he always had a twinkle in his big blue eyes, and some wry humor just waiting to be expressed. When he decided to start telling you a story, he had a lot to say. He remarried in the mid 80's, moved to Warsaw, Ind., where he was V.P. of PS Products.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Paula (Murphy) Stringer; his stepdaughter, Rebecca Larson, Angel, Fla.; his step son-in-law, Robert Angel, and his grandson Bobby Lee Angel. He is also survived by Mary Elene (Parrott) Richards, Bettendorf, and their five children, Dr. Judee Burgoon, Tucson, Ariz., Della Stringer, Nashville, Tenn., Marilyn Stringer, Tucson, Ariz., J. Kenneth Stringer III (Kenny), Portland, Ore., and his wife, Susan Stringer, and Warren Stringer, San Francisco; and his three grandchildren Erin Burgoon, Matthew and Staci Stringer. He is also survived by his sisters, Joan Miller, Bettendorf, and Patricia Schaefer, New York City; and his many cousins, nieces, nephews, and so many friends and family in the Warsaw, LaSalle-Peru, and Quad City areas.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Marilyn Heysinger.

Online condolences may be expressed to Ken's family by visiting his obituary at [www.cunnickcollins.com](http://www.cunnickcollins.com)

James Arthur Cunningham

2007, at DeRoof

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Sheri was a computer specialist for the Rock Island Arsenal and at Blackhawk Area Educational Center.

Sheri was president for 4 years for the P.T.O. Blackhawk Educational Center and a coach for the Special Olympics.

Survivors include, her son, Bradleigh Holt, of Rockford; a brother, Scott Holt of Colona, and a sister, Vickie Shrake, of Moline. Online condolences may be sent to [www.derooffuneralhome.com](http://www.derooffuneralhome.com).

### Marilyn J. Wilcox

ROCK ISLAND — Marilyn J. Wilcox, 77, of Rock Island,



Wilcox

passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at Trinity West in Rock Island, following a brief illness. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, January 23, 2007, in the Runge Mortuary Chapel. There will be no visitation. Burial will be in Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family.

She was born May 25, 1929, in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Dean L. and Ruth Axland. She married John Wilcox in May, 1959.

Mrs. Wilcox was formerly employed as an executive secretary for Deere and Company. An avid reader, she had formerly been involved in many school leader, P.T.A. officer, and was involved in many other school

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## U. S. SENATOR



### EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIALS

Storm Lake Pilot Tribune-May 12, 1960

...He is sort of an Abraham Lincoln guy who says what he believes.

Belle Plain Union- May 4, 1960

Here is a realist who knows both state and federal funds come from a single source-the ultimate consumer. Mr. Stringer doesn't offer to juggle the books, sock the rich, provide security from the cradle to the grave, build superdooper highways, or stamp out sin. All he says in effect is: let me run my life and I'll let you run yours.

Tinton Conservative- June 16, 1960

## Editorials

### Thirty Years Too Late Or Ten Years Too Soon?

Had we gotten acquainted with one of the candidates earlier we might have found it hard to hold to a detached attitude. We only met him on Wednesday evening, heard him talk and came away with the hope that some day it may be possible for a candidate to talk about something important. Here was a man who did.

The man is Ken Stringer, one of the candidates for the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator. We are not sure whether he came over the political horizon thirty years too late or ten years too soon.

He believes and says that we have too much government and that we are going to have to reduce government services and cut taxes or we are headed for disaster. He points out that no nation has ever been able to extort one-third of its citizens' income in taxes and survive.

He calls big government by its right name. He says it is socialism.

He proposes that we reverse our direction and get back to the old free enterprise system. He says that if we'll take the shackles off of free enterprise we could reduce tax rates drastically and still have plenty to carry on essential government services.

For these many years politicians have been coming a cropper on what constitutes essential government services. Mr. Stringer is young and courageous enough that he doesn't dodge or equivocate.

He is against all foreign aid except technical assistance, military aid and loans to friendly nations. He is against all forms of socialized medicine. He is against federal aid to education. He is against the theory of farm subsidies and says we've got to work out some plan which will enable us to stop paying for too much production. He is for the right to work principle and thinks it should be incorporated into federal legislation and not just left to the states.

In short he is against all of the things which make citizens the wards of the government. In this he is ahead of the times. He says, in substance, these are the things I believe and I invite those who think as I do to vote for me. It is self-evident that those who are interested only in what government can do for them wouldn't vote for him. He doesn't appear to care.

There isn't the slightest chance that he can win the nomination in the primary. There are six candidates and it is unlikely that any of them will get the necessary 35 percent. But had he started earlier and were his principles more widely known he would have gotten a surprisingly large vote.

That alone would have been encouraging to folks who are worried about our headlong plunge into socialism. It is a good omen that a candidate dares to take such a stand. He is a young man and we hope he will be around for a long time.

The things he stands for are time tested though forgotten in the current debt-rich "prosperity" of the mid 20th century. The principles he stands for are what made our country great. The things which he sees and declares against have destroyed other nations.