

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Uhlenhopp, Harvey H. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Franklin County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 June 1915 Butler County, Iowa near  
Geneva, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elizabeth C. Elliott 20 June 1940 Hampton, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of Iowa and American Bow Association and American  
Law Institute; admitted to the bar in 1939

B. Civic responsibilities Ratary; V. F. W.; Mason Chamber of Commerce;  
American Legion

C. Profession Lawyer; Iowa Supreme Court Justice

4. Church membership Congregational United Church of Christ

5. Sessions served 54<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1951

6. Public Offices

A. Local Appointed District Court Judge in 1953; Franklin County Attorney 1947-1950

B. State Appointed to Iowa Supreme Court March 1970 - 22 May 1986

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

7. Death 23 May 1986 Rochester, Minnesota; buried Hampton Cemetery Hampton, Iowa

8. Children Elliott L.; John C.

9. Names of parents Harvey H. and Lottie (Green) Uhlenhopp

10. Education Educated in the Hampton, Iowa public schools  
graduating in 1933

11. Degrees B.A. degree from Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa in 1936;  
J.D. degree from University of Iowa Law School, Iowa City, Iowa  
in 1936 graduating at the top of his class

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He practiced law in his father's law office until from 1939-1942, 1946-1953
- Military service - World War II - U.S. Coast Guard 1943-1945
- He was appointed to be an Iowa Supreme Court Justice by Governor Robert Ray  
in 1976. His term would have expired in 1986.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			Obituary - <u>The Hampton Times</u> , Hampton, Iowa Times: May 27, 1986, p. 1, col. 1, 2, 3, 4 and p. 3, col. 1
-			Iowa Official Register 1951-1952, p. 92
-			Iowa Judicial Branch (accessed 27 May 2007)
-			Obituary - <u>The Adair Daily Register</u> , Adair, Iowa Times: May 22, 1986, p. 1, col. 8
-			rootsweb.com (accessed 5 Dec 2009)

## Illustrious Hamptonite

# Iowa Supreme Court Justice longest-tenured judge in

One of Hampton's most illustrious citizens, Iowa Supreme Court Justice Harvey H. Uhlenhopp, was buried today (Tuesday) in the Hampton Cemetery.

Justice Uhlenhopp died early Thursday at St. recovering from quadruple-bypass surgery. He was 70 years old.

Uhlenhopp had cancelled a weekend commencement address at Grinnell College, his alma mater, to seek medical attention.

"This is a great loss for the Iowa judicial system," said Chief Justice Ward Reynoldson.

"He was a very intellectual person, very congenial, and among the hardest workers on the court. He was a very balanced person in his jurisprudential and philosophical outlooks. He will be sorely missed," Reynoldson said.

Gov. Terry Branstad, in a prepared statement, said, "The state has lost a very dedicated public servant. Since 1970, Justice Uhlenhopp was a skilled, dedicated and distinguished jurist on the Iowa Supreme Court. He devoted his career to serving Iowa. He will be missed."

"With the death of Justice Uhlenhopp, Iowa has lost one of its finest jurists," said District Court Judge Stephen Carroll of Hampton. "Justice Uhlenhopp had the rare analytical ability to take a complex legal problem, reduce it to its basic components, and then write an opinion that was clear, simple, and concise. His decisions are incisive and instructive to the bench and bar alike. They are models of clarity. They leave no doubt as to what issue was before the court and as to how and why that issue was decided. They are a pleasure to read. He therefore leaves us with this rich legacy in the form of his judicial decisions."

### Longest active judge

Reynoldson noted Mr. Uhlenhopp had the longest tenure of any active judge in the state. Justice Uhlenhopp was in the last term as a Supreme Court Judge.

"Justice Uhlenhopp was a tireless and dedicated public servant. He would often return to Hampton from Des Moines on Friday and work all day Saturday at the courthouse only to return to Des

## 'The Judge's' legacy

In and around Hampton, Justice Uhlenhopp was known as "the Judge." His humor and dry wit made him a welcomed visitor to coffee klatches and other social events around town. His innate curiosity and genuine interest in people and their triumphs and tragedies also contributed to his popularity and stature.

His prestige and influence in Franklin County was considerable, as evidenced by the overwhelming support for a project near and dear to him—the preservation and renovation of the Franklin County Courthouse. Without the Judge's efforts, the 92-year-old structure, which is Franklin County's principal landmark, probably would have been razed or drastically altered.

"This courthouse is part of our heritage, and it behooves us to preserve and maintain it for future generations to enjoy and contemplate...as a link to our past," the Judge stressed at a meeting called to determine the fate of the then crumbling structure. Needless to say, support for the Judge's \$1 million project was nearly unanimous, and his dream was realized July 31, 1976, when the renovated building was dedicated.

Moines on Sunday. In addition; although his retirement from the Supreme Court was scheduled for June of 1987, he did not intend to leave the judiciary. He planned to go on senior judge status and return to work in this judicial district as a trial court judge," Carroll said.

"Since I have gone on the bench I have found Justice Uhlenhopp always ready to help. Because he was in a position to review my decisions on appeal, we did not talk about the merits of specific cases. He was always ready, however, to share his years of accumulated wisdom and experiences with me on other matters. I will miss him," Carroll said.

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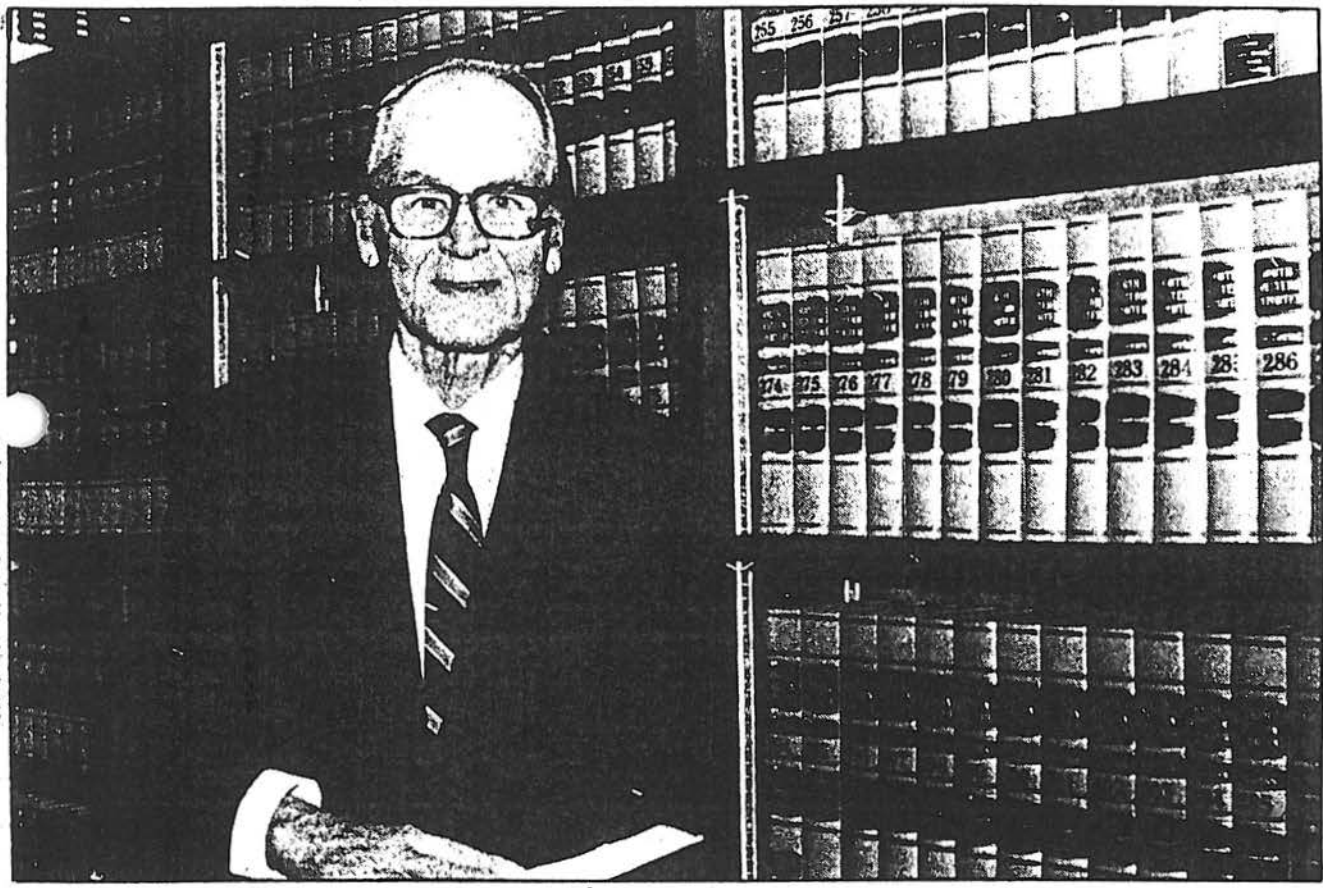
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# Justice Harvey Uhlenhopp, in state, dead at 70



**WILL BE MISSED** — Iowa Supreme Court Justice Harvey Uhlenhopp, who died Thursday following heart surgery in Rochester, Minn., searches for a

precedent in the Franklin County law library in this photo taken several years ago. [File photo]

A look back at Uhlenhopp's career on page 3

## Jailbirds turn lovebirds, tie the knot

Franklin County residents Mike Johnson and Vickie Brunstein pleaded guilty to burglary charges Thursday in Butler County District Court and tied the knot. A spokesman for the Butler County Sheriff's office

The two were arrested April 24, and charged with second degree burglary in connection with a break-in Thursday night at the County Supply Co. in Iowa City, Des Moines, Iowa, deputy said. The couple was arrested later that evening at their Sheffield residence where the

currently are dead or Iowa judges, having served the longest of any full-time judge.

"I'D BE HARD pressed to say which I liked best (the Supreme Court or District Court). Both have

residents as "the Judge," is

★ Uhlenhopp (Continued from page 1)

Born June 23, 1915, in Butler County, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Uhlenhopp. He graduated from Hampton High School in 1933, and received his undergraduate degree from Grinnell College in 1936.

Mr. Uhlenhopp received his juris doctor degree from the University of Iowa in 1939, graduating at the top of his class.

He married Elizabeth Elliott in Hampton on June 20, 1940.

He practiced law in Hampton in his father's office until 1953, when he was appointed a district court judge for Iowa's Second Judicial District.

During his practice in Hampton, Mr. Uhlenhopp served as Franklin County Attorney from 1947-50, and was a state representative in the Iowa House in 1951 and 1952.

He was appointed by Gov. Robert Ray in March, 1970, to the Iowa Supreme Court.

Justice Uhlenhopp was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, and was a member of the Iowa Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the American Law Institute. He was affiliated with the Hampton Rotary Club, and the local Veterans of Foreign Wars organization.

He belonged to the Hampton Congregational United Church of Christ.

"The community of Hampton was fortunate to have Justice Uhlenhopp. Justice Uhlenhopp felt fortunate to live in Hampton. Although he was in a powerful position as a Supreme Court Justice, he never forgot his roots here in Franklin County. We will not forget him," Carroll said.

Leader in reform

Among Justice Uhlenhopp's most significant contributions to the Iowa judiciary system, Justice Reynoldson said, was helping de-politicize appointments and elections to the bench. He was a driving force in removing judges' party labels from ballots in 1962, Reynoldson said.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth, Hampton; two sons, Elliott, Grinnell, and John, Boulder, Colo.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters.

Funeral services were scheduled for 10:30 a.m. today (Tuesday) in the Hampton Congregational United Church of Christ, with the Rev. David O'Rourke officiating. Sietsema-Vogel Funeral Home of Hampton was in charge of the arrangements.

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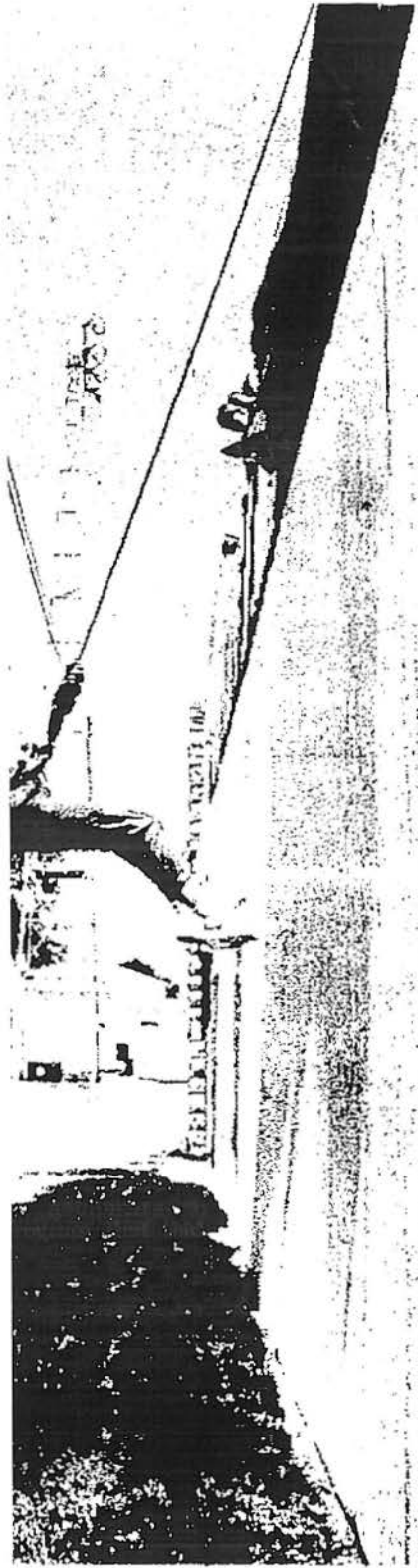


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# Justice dies in surgery

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowa Supreme Court Justice Harvey Uhlenhopp, the court's senior jurist best known for his campaigns for court reform, died following quadruple heart bypass surgery at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn. early today. He was 71.

"I was shocked and saddened to hear it," said Chief Justice W. Ward Reynoldson. "I talked to his wife at about 9:30 last night and the operation had gone well. He was feeling very optimistic about it. But they called everyone back at about 3:30 a.m. and tried to resuscitate him but he didn't make it."

A spokesman for the hospital said Uhlenhopp had been in poor health, but Reynoldson said he had been more fatigued than anything else. "It didn't slow him up any. He sat with us in session all last week."

Reynoldson said Uhlenhopp was one of the court's better writers and was a thorough, balanced jurist. "He was always very rational and examined the statutes and constitution closely. He never let his emotions interfere with his decisions."

Uhlenhopp was appointed to the bench by then-Gov. Robert Ray in 1970 and his term would have expired at the end of 1988. A replacement will be appointed by Gov. Terry Branstad after he receives a list of three candidates from the Judicial Nominating Commission.

After brief stints as county attorney and state legislator from Franklin County in the late 1940s and early 1950s, Uhlenhopp was appointed district judge from that county in 1953, a post he held until the Supreme Court appointment.

Reynoldson said Uhlenhopp made his mark in court reform issues.

"He was always a leader in reform and played a large role in the 1962 constitutional amendment that removed the state's judges from politics and substituted merit selection," Reynoldson said.

Prior to that time, judgeships were elected, making them subject to the same political forces facing legislators and other elected officials. Reformers said that judges should be free to make decisions without fear that they might cause political contributions to dry up or that they might induce a particularly strong opponent to run in the next election.

## Hunger blame —

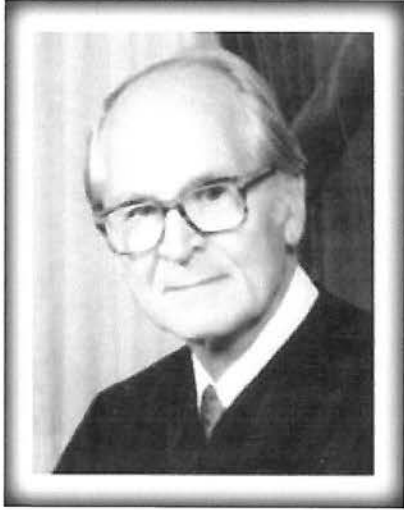
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan says America's hungry go without food because they do not know where to get help, but anti-hunger activists fault his administration for eliminating the program that told the poor about food

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### Harvey Uhlenhopp (1970 - 1986)



Served on the Iowa Supreme Court from March 10, 1970, until his death May 22, 1986. His judicial career spanned 33 years.

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