

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Smith, William Merwin Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Dickinson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10 Sept 1901 Bloomfield Twp. Polk County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Eva Shelton Aug 1927 Hastoria, Iowa

② Mabel Whitford Hansen 1980

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Past president of the Dickinson County Farm Bureau

B. Civic responsibilities Farm Bureau; Mason; Eastern Star

C. Profession Farmer; Dairy Business

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 51<sup>st</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assemblies 1945, 1949

6. Public Offices

A. Local Board member of Terril Elevator and Terril Telephone Co.

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

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

7. Death 12 Nov 1995 Spencer, Iowa; buried Fairview Cemetery, Terril Iowa

8. Children Leonard; Elwood

9. Names of parents William B. and Louise (Geil) Smith

10. Education Educated in Maple Grove country school and  
North High School both in Polk County and  
Des Moines, Iowa; attended Iowa State  
University for 2 quarters

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Other applicable information Democrat

- 1922 - established a dairy with his father and brothers
- 1925 - 1926 farmed near Jostown, Iowa
- 1927 - 1934 - returned to Des Moines where he and his brother-in-law  
operated a dairy
- 1934 - moved to a farm SE of Terrell, Iowa living there  
until 1958
- After marriage in 1980, he moved to Spencer, Iowa



## L. Bell

March 10, 1995

Services were held on March 13, 1995, at the Home, for Mr. Bell, age 82. H.J. Bell.

Survived by Anne Crawford, Mike McLin, Larry Finley, and Robinson and

passed away on March 10, 1995, at the Fairview Manor

born May 26, 1912, in the city of Vern and the late Lamm. She graduated from Milford High School on December 22, 1933, and married W. Bell. He died August 10, 1974.

Member of the Methodist

Two sons, Carol in Ariz., and Jack with five daughters: Worthington, Hamilton of Milin and Sandra in Chillicothe; and one of Trenton; 13 grandchildren

and husband, died in death by

have been in the Alzheimer's unit at Fairview Manor. In memory of Mrs. Bell forwarded to the

in Westhaven, Chillicothe, and Home was in

College.

On March 22, 1930, she was united in marriage to Elmer Nielsen of Cedar Falls. Olga and Elmer made their home on the farm east of Arnolds Park for nearly 65 years. They had three sons, Gerald, James, and Norris.

Olga was a charter member of Calvary United Methodist Church; a member of the Woman's Society; Cemetery Society; Federated Club; and several birthday clubs.

Olga passed away on March 1, 1995, at the Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Spirit Lake.

Survivors include her husband, Elmer; sons, Gerald and his wife, Bonnie, of Palo; and Norris of Burnsville, Minn.; daughter-in-law, Patricia, of Arnolds Park; seven grandchildren: Steven, Thomas, David, Michael, Jeff, Randy, and Vicki; eight great-grandchildren; and three step great-grandchildren.

Olga was preceded in death by her parents; her son, James, in 1983; and one sister, Mabel.

Interment was in Okoboji Cemetery, Arnolds Park. Turner Funeral Home of Milford was in charge of arrangements.

## Merwin Smith

Sept. 10, 1901-March 12, 1995

Services were held at United Methodist Church, Terril, on Thursday, March 16, 1995, for Merwin Smith, age 93, of Spencer. Rev. Kim Eanes officiated the service.

Music was provided by Deb Nelson, organist, and Beverly Darr, soloist. Pallbearers were Tom Gable, Brian Isom, Jeff Magner, Larry Smith, Steven Smith, Brian Williams, and Ron Williams.

William Merwin Smith was born September 10, 1901, to William B. and Louise Geil Smith in Bloomfield Township, Polk County, just south of Des Moines

turned the farming over to Leonard and moved into Terril.

Merwin became a member of the Ft. Des Moines Methodist Church as a boy and later transferred his membership when he moved to Terril. He was an active member and served as Sunday School superintendent, taught a senior class for several years, and served on the church board. He was a delegate to the annual church conference for many years. Merwin was a past president of the Dickinson County Farm Bureau and had served for many years as a board member of the Terril Elevator and the Terril Telephone Company. He served one term in the Iowa Legislature. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star. Merwin was a good gardener and gave away much of his garden's bounty.

In 1980, he was married to Mabel Whitford Hansen and they moved to Spencer. Merwin died Sunday, March 12, 1995, at Longhouse in Spencer where he had been a resident.

Surviving are his wife, Mabel; son, Elwood, of Terril; stepchildren: Arlene Jacobsen; Pauline Fitch; Corine Herman; Evelene Maas; Charles Hansen; Geraldine Green; and Gary Hansen; six grandchildren; 24 step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Russell, of Des Moines.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva; three brothers; and, two sisters.

Masonic rites were performed by Gloaming Lodge #482 on Wednesday, March 15, 1995.

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## Viola Hansen

Viola Hansen was born  
March 1, 1905  
died on Saturday,  
March 1, 1995  
at Calvary United  
Methodist Church,  
Arnolds Park,  
Iowa, age 89, of  
Des Moines. She was  
preceded in death by  
her husband, Scott Holmes.  
Funeral services were  
provided by Vera  
Nielsen. Pallbearers were  
Thomas Nielsen,  
Michael Nielsen,  
and Andy Nielsen.  
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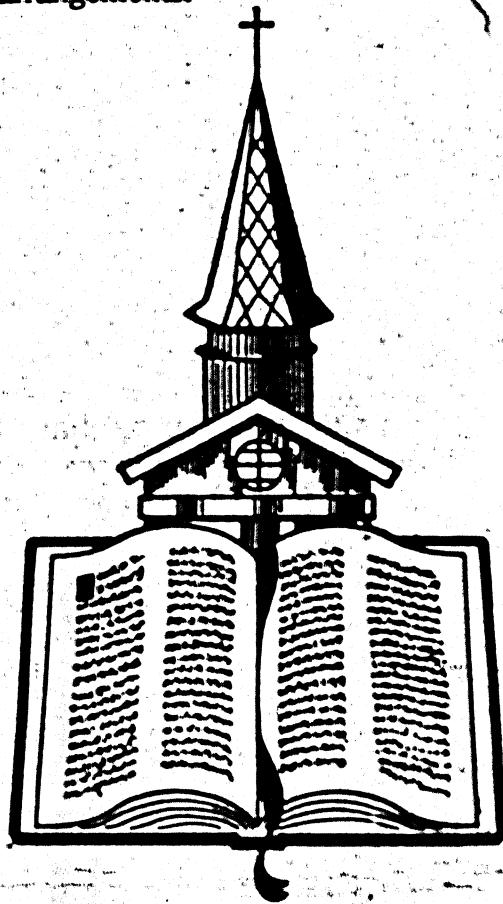
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married to Eva Shelton at Fostoria.  
Two sons were born to them,  
Leonard and Elwood. They ran the  
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