

KARL KIILSHOLM

Karl Kiilsholm was born on October 13, 1924, in Wesley to Viggo and Kamilla of Denmark. His father took him and his brother back to Denmark in 1932 where he grew up. Karl experienced five years of Nazi occupation, served in the Danish army and attended college. He married Fidelia Evelyn Skow of Wesley in 1950. After moving back to America and they adopted three children.

After marrying Fidelia, they lived in the Wesley area and Karl farmed with her family. In 1960, they purchased their own farm near Algona and lived there for 37 years. Karl was active in many community organizations. He was part of the Iowa State University Extension of Kossuth County and served on the State Extension Advisory Council for three years. He was a member of the Kossuth County Farm Bureau and held offices locally as well as on the State Advisory Board of the Iowa Farm Bureau. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Algona. Kiwanis club events were always a favorite activity no matter the community.

Shortly after his time in the House of Representatives, he started traveling throughout the U.S. giving inspirational talks on the importance of faith in God and in country. He spoke in 33 states over the next 25 years. His years of living in a Nazi-occupied Denmark made him especially thankful for this country.

Karl was a Republican from Kossuth County. He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in the fall of 1966, serving for one term. During his time he served on the following committees: Agriculture, Conservation, and County and Township Affairs.

Representative Kiilsholm passed away on December 23, 2018, at the age of 94.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA, That in the passing of the Honorable Karl Kiilsholm, 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.

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 WILLS
SHARON STECKMAN
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Committee