

## DALE H. RICKERT

Dale Herman Rickert was born April 10, 1928, in Luverne, Minnesota to Herman and Ella Rickert. He graduated from Reinbeck High School in 1945. Dale and Esther Jamison married on December 27, 1950, and their union created three children.

Dale received his Bachelor of Science in animal husbandry from Iowa State University in 1950. He was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity like the family men before him. Enrolling in ROTC as a freshman, he served in the Air Force during peacetime. Although primarily a farmer by vocation, public service, agriculture, education and his Christian faith would continue to define his life.

In addition to farming he taught agriculture at the high school and community college level, working at Muscatine and Kirkwood community colleges from 1971-1977 before leaving to become county executive director of the USDA Washington County Farm Service Agency, where he remained until 1996. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wapello, serving many roles in the church.

He worked alongside Senator Jack Kibbie to introduce legislation allowing the development of community colleges throughout Iowa. Continuing his interest in education he served on the State Advisory Board on Adult Education and State President of Iowa Association of Community College Trustees from 1988-1998.

Dale was a Democrat from Louisa County. He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in the fall of 1964, serving for one term. During his time he served on the following committees: Education, Government Affairs, and Conservation and Recreation. Dale was named the most outstanding freshman legislator by the Iowa Press Corps in 1965.

Representative Rickert passed away on March 23, 2017, at the age of 88.

*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 Dale H. Rickert, 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.

DAVID KERR  
MARY MASCHER  
BOBBY KAUFMANN  
Committee