

## CHARLES F. BALLOUN

Charles F. Balloun was born September 21, 1904, in Dardanelle, Arkansas and passed away on February 17, 1995, at the age of 90. His parents were Van and Vlasta Balloun. He married Mary Delores Matula on New Years Day, 1929. They were the parents of two sons, Gerald and Eugene, grandparents to four grandchildren and great grandparents to five great grandchildren.

Mr. Balloun came to Iowa and Tama County when he was four years old. He attended Tama County schools and graduated from Tama High School in 1924. He continued his education at Iowa State University, Ames. He was the principal and coach of basketball and baseball at Stanton in 1928. In 1937, he accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, with the Soil Conservation Service (SEC), a position he held until 1945. Mr. Balloun then accepted a position with the University of Alaska as Superintendent of Experimental Stations which he held until 1946. He then returned to Tama County to take care of the family farm.

Senator Balloun's political career began in 1961 when he was elected to the House of Representatives and served in the 59th, 60th, and 60th Extra General Assemblies. He was elected to the Iowa Senate March 2, 1965. He served in the 61st, 62nd, 63rd, and 64th General Assemblies. He was an Assistant Majority Leader while serving in the Iowa Senate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY- SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA:** That in the passing of the Honorable Charles F. Balloun, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and that the Senate by this Resolution, expresses its appreciation of his service to the State and tenders its sympathy and kindest regards to the members of his family.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

EMIL HUSAK, Chair  
RANDAL J. GIANNETTO  
JOHN W. JENSEN

Committee

## JACOB GRIMSTEAD

Jacob Grimstead was born in Nissedal, Telemark, Norway, on April 11, 1905, to Nottov and Juri Grimstead. He passed away on November 18, 1993 at the age of 88 years. He attended Oslo University and was a noncommissioned officer in the King's Guard before he immigrated to the United States in 1929. Jacob worked on farms and in factories in North Dakota and Michigan, clerked at Bakken's

grocery, attended Hamilton Business College in Mason City, Iowa, and then started a grocery store in Joice.

Jacob married Ruth Henderson on Thanksgiving Day in 1932, in Lake Mills. She preceded him in death on September 21, 1973. He married Nola I. (Brunsvold) Dahl, September 21, 1974, at Jefferson. She preceded him in death on November 21, 1991. Jacob served as a State Senator from 1952 until 1964, serving in the 55th through 60th General Assemblies. He was active in many community service activities. He translated Norwegian documents and letters for many in the area. This activity required long hours of his time and no compensation but he did so gladly. Jacob also prepared and mailed care packages for his customers to their relatives during World War II. Jacob was an active member of the Salem Lutheran Church and served on the town council.

Senator Grimstead will always be remembered as a generous individual who worked for the betterment of his community as well as for the state of Iowa. His donation of time and energy has improved the lives of Lake Mills residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA: That in the passing of the Honorable Jacob Grimstead, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and that the Senate by this Resolution, expresses its appreciation of his service to the state and tenders its sympathy and kindest regards to the members of his family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

MERLIN E. BARTZ, Chair  
ALLEN BORLAUG  
BERL E. PRIEBE

Committee

#### FRANCIS E. MESSERLY

Francis E. Messerly was born April 21, 1914, in Cedar Falls and passed away October 8 1994, at the age of 80. His parents were Edward and Essie Laurence Messerly. He married Mary I. Hamilton on July 8, 1937, in Cedar Rapids. They were parents to two children; Carol Nesler of Dubuque and Randy Messerly of Sarasota, Florida, and grandparents to six grandchildren.

Mr. Messerly owned and operated the Finchford General Store from 1937 to 1949. At that time he embarked upon a public career which spanned 36 years, both on a county and state level. From 1950 to 1960 he served on the Black Hawk Board of Supervisors. Mr. Messerly's state political career began with his 1961 election to the House of Representatives where he served in the 59th and 60th General Assemblies. He was elected to the Iowa Senate in 1965 and served in the 61st through the 64th General Assemblies. During that time he was chairman