

Thomas C. Larson

Thomas C. Larson was born March 2, 1909 east of Conway in Taylor County, Iowa to Lewis and Nora Larson. He passed away on May 5, 2007 at the age of 98. He is survived by his wife Irma Larson, two daughters, Marilyn Frueh and husband Gary of Katy, Texas; and Martha Hern and husband Larry of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; a step-son, Keane Thummel and wife Susan of Clarinda; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Larson graduated from Conway High School with the Class of 1927. He then attended Iowa State University obtaining an Associate Degree in Animal Husbandry. After college, he returned to Taylor County to begin his career in farming. He was a progressive steward of the land, he readily adopted new techniques such as terracing and tiling which were not common at the time.

Larson was united in marriage to Althea King in 1933. To this union four children were born, a son and three daughters. After fifty-five years of marriage, Althea passed away in 1988. He then married Irma Thummel and they resided in Bedford.

Larson was a devoted servant to his community. Larson was a County Supervisor in the 1940's and 1950's. He was instrumental in ensuring that the rural roads were graded and graveled. He also served as chairman of the County Board of Education. He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Larson was a lifelong resident of Taylor County, becoming a charter member of the Taylor County Historical Society. He was a well-read man, who kept up on current events, sports and politics with a special interest in history. He enjoyed traveling throughout the world.

Larson was a Taylor County Republican. He was elected to the Iowa Senate in 1953. He served the 55th and 56th General Assemblies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA: That in the passing of the Honorable Thomas C. Larson, the State has lost an honored citizen and 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.

NANCY BOETTGER
HUBERT HOUSER
HERMAN QUIRMBACH
Committee