

SEELEY J. LODWICK

Seeley J. Lodwick was born on October 19, 1920, in Evanston, Illinois, to William G. and Florence Seeley Lodwick. He passed away on July 16, 2006, at the age of 85. He is survived by his wife, Helen B. "Pat" of Wever, Iowa; three daughters, Barbara Rossow and her husband, Edwin, of Wilmette, Illinois, Margery Tuttle and her husband, Jerry, of Crete, Illinois, and Helen Gerber and her husband, Gary, of Watseka, Illinois; one sister, Martha L. Chambers, of Waukesha, Wisconsin; and four grandchildren.

Lodwick graduated from New Trier Township High School in Winnetka, Illinois, in 1938. He graduated from Iowa State University in Ames in 1942 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. Lodwick served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. Lodwick married Helen "Pat" Barbre on July 28, 1945, at Webster Groves, Missouri.

Lodwick farmed and managed Sedan Farms near Centerville, Iowa, from 1946–1950 and Green Bay Farms at Wever, Iowa, from 1950–1969. During the years of 1963–1969, Lodwick served as a state senator. In 1969, Lodwick accepted a job at the United States Department of Agriculture. He held numerous positions while working in Washington, D.C. During his career, Lodwick also served as an agricultural consultant and farm manager for Green Bay Farms Limited Partnership at Wever, Iowa.

Some of Lodwick's many activities include serving as a member of the Iowa State University Foundation Board of Governors; past president and member of the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Fort Madison, Iowa, and member of the board of directors of Rotary Club of Washington, D.C.; and member of the executive committee board of directors of Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association. Lodwick served on many councils and committees in the Fort Madison area. He was active in Stella Masonic Lodge #440, Lee County Farm Bureau, and the Lee County Republican party.

Lodwick lived a life of service. He was a leader and a visionary. He was tireless in his pursuit of getting the best for his town, county, state, country, and world. He was a mentor for many individuals, and he helped those persons pursue their dreams and make their dreams a reality.

Lodwick was a Lee County Republican. He followed the footsteps of his grandfather William B. Seeley, who had served as a state senator during the 32nd and 33rd General Assemblies. Lodwick was sworn in as a senator in 1963 and served during the 60th, 61st, 62nd, and the first half of the 63rd General Assemblies. He was elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate in 1969.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA: That in the passing of the Honorable Seeley J. Lodwick, 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.

THOMAS G. COURTNEY
GENE FRAISE
JAMES F. HAHN
Committee