

## Milo H. Merritt

Milo H. Merritt was born January 3, 1915 in Allerton, Iowa to William Floyd Merritt and Ina Mae (Kimple) Merritt. He passed away on January 8, 2009 at the age of 94. He is survived by two daughters: Phyllis Beamer and husband John of Des Moines and Janet McGovern and her husband Terry of Riceville; a son, Bruce Merritt and his wife Kathy of Massilon, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Merritt graduated from Strawberry Point High School. He then hitch-hiked to California and attended San Bernardino Junior College while earning room and board at an uncles ranch. After college, he hitch-hiked back to Iowa to help out on another uncle's farm.

Merritt was united in marriage to Marjorie L. Eckenrod in the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. They celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary one month before Marjorie died on December 21, 2007.

Merritt moved to California where he worked for Lockheed Aircraft in the Experimental Engineering Department for eight years, until moving back to Iowa. Milo farmed in Osage and the David/Little Cedar areas before moving into Osage where he sold real estate.

Merritt served on the Education Committee and Labor Industrial Relations Committee. He also served as chair of the Ethics Committee, and was co-chair of the County Government Committee and Claims Budget Sub-Committee.

Merritt was a Osage County Republican. He was elected to the Iowa Senate in 1975. He served the 66<sup>th</sup>, 67<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup> Extra 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 Milo H. Merritt, 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.

MERLIN BARTZ  
WILLIAM HECKROTH  
AMANDA RAGAN  
Committee