

He and his wife farmed for many years in Jerome. He was Secretary of Agriculture from 1965-1966 and a fieldman for ASCS. He was instrumental in creating the Rathbun Regional Water Association of Centerville where he served as executive director for 20 years. He was selected Iowa Rural Water Manager of the Year, elected into the Iowa Rural Water Hall of Fame and served on the Iowa Rural Water Board of Directors. He was Iowa Master Pork Producer, Iowa Master Corn Grower and named the Daily Iowegian's Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Owen served on the board of the Appanoose county Farm Bureau for six years, and was chairman for two years. He was a member of the Jerome school board for nineteen years.

A Democrat, Mr. Owen was a member of the Fifty-sixth, Fifty-seventh, and Fifty-eighth General Assemblies.

Kenneth E. Owen died January 23, 2001, at the age of 82. He is survived by his daughter, Diana Glenn (John) of Jerome; a son, Keith Owen (Sharon) of Centerville, and four grandchildren.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Eightieth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Kenneth E. Owen, 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.

KURT SWAIM
RICHARD D. ARNOLD
MARY GASKILL
Committee

H. LYLE SCHEELHAASE

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable H. Lyle Scheelhaase begs to submit the following Memorial:

Mr. Scheelhaase was born August 14, 1931, in Merville to Ernest and Mary (Hill) Scheelhaase. He entered the U.S. Army and served during the Korean conflict in Trieste, Italy in the Army Tank Corps. He returned to Lancaster, California in 1954 and graduated high school there. He married Norma Jean Kirkholm in 1954 in Battle Creek, Iowa. They lived in California until 1956, when they returned to Everly, Iowa, to farm. In 1959, they moved to his grandfather's farm near Merville and farmed in the area until his death.

He attended Morningside College, Western Iowa Technical College and Iowa State University. He was active in ACDI/VOCA (Agricultural Cooperative Development International/Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance), working in Bulgaria and Belerus to help farmers improve agricultural techniques. He served on the

Woodbury County Fair Board for a numbers of years, was a member of American Legion Wink-Sparks Post in Merville and was a charter member of the Woodbury Central Quarterback Club. He was an active member of the Merville United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Norma Jean co-managed the Merville Elderly Housing.

A Democrat, Mr. Scheelhaase was a member of the Sixty-sixth, Sixty-seventh, and Sixty-seventh Extra General Assemblies.

H. Lyle Scheelhaase died November 18, 2003 at the age of 72. He is survived by his wife, Norma Jean of Merville; a son, Kirk (Tam) of Merville; two daughters, Sandra Guthridge (Larry) of Merville, and LouAnn Scheelhaase (Nathan Creer) of Overland Park, Kansas; four sisters, Leah Bertelsen (Duane) of Dayton, Ohio, Margaret Hubiak (Dr. John) of Odebolt, Iowa, Alice Males (Lloyd) of Buckley, Washington, and Lucille Morgan (Jerry) of Merville; eleven grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Eightieth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable H. Lyle Scheelhaase, 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.

ROGER F. WENDT
WESLEY E. WHITEAD
DANIEL A. HUSEMAN
Committee

WILLIAM J. SCHERLE

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable William J. Scherle begs to submit the following Memorial:

William J. Scherle was born March 14, 1923. He graduated from St. Mary's Academy and later attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He served in the United State Navy during WWII and was a member of the Navy from 1947 to 1954. He married Dorothy Jane Goldapp in 1947.

He moved to Iowa in 1948 where he established a grain and livestock operation. He was appointed chairman of the Mills County Republican committee in 1956. He was elected to Congress in 1966, serving in three succeeding Congresses from 1967 through 1975. In 1975 he was named to a top administrative post in the United States Department of Agriculture by President Ford. He later established a consulting firm in Washington, D.C. which he maintained from 1977 to 1987. He retired in 1988 and returned to the family farm in Iowa.

A Republican, Mr. Scherle was a member of the Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth, Sixtieth Extra, and Sixty-First General Assemblies. He was named an outstanding legislator by the Press Corps in the Sixtieth General Assembly.