

**GEORGE L. SHAWVER**

George L. Shawver was born on December 29, 1916, in Kirkville, Iowa, to Cyrus Jesse and Carrie Thomas Shawver. He passed away on June 6, 2001, at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife Helen of Waterloo, Iowa; son Marvin and his wife, Evelyn, of Le Claire, Iowa; daughter Jan Rowe and her husband, Tom, of Freeport, Illinois; son Gary and his wife, Pam, of Waterloo; ten grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Shawver graduated from Kirkville High School in 1934. He founded Midwest Drilling Company in Ottumwa, Iowa, in 1936 and did test drilling for coal until the late 1930s, at which time he went into the water well drilling business and renamed his business the Shawver Well Company. In 1937, he married Helen Wilson in Lancaster, Missouri. Shawver served in the United States Army from 1942–1946. He then returned to his business, moving Shawver Well Company to Fredericksburg, Iowa, in 1950. Shawver operated his company until his retirement in 1980.

Shawver was active in his community of Fredericksburg and was a charter member of both the Lions Club and Plum Creek Golf Course. He was also a member of the Methodist Church, Chamber of Commerce, Masonic Lodge, Shrine Consistory, American Legion, AMVETS, Farm Bureau, and the Chickasaw County American Cancer Society. He served on the Fredericksburg City Council and was on the Iowa Water Well Association Board of Directors, serving as president of the association for two terms. He also belonged to the National Water Well Association. He enjoyed boating, fishing, and traveling.

Shawver was a Chickasaw County Republican. He was elected to the Senate on November 3, 1970, representing Bremer, Chickasaw, Howard, and part of Winneshiek counties. He served in the Senate in 1971 and 1972 during the 64th General Assembly.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA:** That in the passing of the Honorable George L. Shawver, 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.

**BOB BRUNKHORST  
AMANDA RAGAN  
MARK ZIEMAN**  
Committee