

LAWRENCE E. “LARRY” POPE

Lawrence E. “Larry” Pope was born on February 29, 1940 in Rockford, Illinois. Pope graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1958, and earned his Bachelor of Arts and Law degrees in 1967 from Drake University. In 1969 he received a Masters of Law in Labor Law from New York University. He married Dianne Mahlock of Onawa in 1965.

Pope began teaching at the University of Akron Law School in the fall of 1969. When he returned to Des Moines in 1973 he served as Professor of Law at Drake University Law School until he retired in 2008. He specialized in labor law and constitutional law.

He served as counsel with Belin McCormick Law Firm. Got his political career start working on one of the early campaigns for four-term Governor Robert D. Ray; from 1992 to 2012 he worked as a lobbyist representing multiple clients before the Iowa Legislature. He enjoyed the legislative process and working with legislators to advance good public policy. A current legislator remembers that Pope worked hard to connect Law students with legislators or experiences that would be useful to them in the future.

Pope was a Republican from Polk County. He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in the fall of 1980, serving for two terms. He served as majority leader during his second term, the youngest majority leader in Iowa’s history. Throughout his time he served on many committees; Appropriations, Rules, Commerce, Labor and Industrial Relations, Ways and Mean, State Departments and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee.

Representative Pope passed away on May 22, 2013 at the age of 73.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA, That in the passing of the Honorable Lawrence “Larry” Pope, 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.

PETER COWNIE
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Committee