

ROGER A. HALVORSON

Roger A. Halvorson was born on February 12, 1934 in Waterville, Iowa. Halvorson graduated from Waterville High School in 1951 and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Upper Iowa University in 1955. He married Connie May Rohde on December 27, 1955 and their union created four children.

Halvorson served as sergeant with Company D, 133rd Infantry of the Iowa National Guard from 1951 to 1959. He worked as a teacher for the Luana High School, a field representative for a national insurance company; later he and Connie owned and operated Halvorson Real Estate.

He was a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Independent Insurance Agents, Iowa Association of REALTORS, Kiwanis, Boy Scout Committee, Jaycees and Monona City Council, Monona Volunteer Fire Department, Monona Stock Club. He was inducted into the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Hall of Fame as an officiating referee.

When he left the legislature he served as the Executive Director of the Iowa Department of Commerce from 1997 until 1999 completing his 25 year tenure of public service for the State of Iowa. He was awarded the Thomas Jefferson Award for Leadership from the United States American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). He will be remembered by everyone for his gracious manner, friendly smile, innovative ideas and helpfulness.

Halvorson was a Republican from Clayton County. He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in the fall of 1974, serving for eleven terms. Throughout his time he served on many committees; Commerce and Regulation, Labor and Industrial Relations, Administration, Appropriations, Judiciary & Law Enforcement, Small Business & Commerce, Ways & Means and several different appropriations subcommittees. During his time as a legislator he was elected as the Majority Floor Leader in the 68th General Assembly and served as Assistant Majority Floor Leader in the 69th and 70th General Assembly.

Representative Halvorson passed away on November 2, 2014 at the age of 80.

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 Roger A. Halvorson, 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.

LEE HEIN
PATTI RUFF
DARREL BRANHAGEN
Committee