

## H. KAY HEDGE

H. Kay Hedge was born on April 2, 1928, in Mahaska County to Harry K. and Ava Blair Hedge. He passed away on October 28, 2016, at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife Alleen; his daughter Kimberly and her husband Charles, son Kevin and his wife Jane, and son Mark and his wife Cindy; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Hedge attended Mahaska County rural schools and graduated from Fremont High School in 1946. He attended the University of Iowa. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was united in marriage to Alleen Ruggles on July 15, 1951, in Fremont. In 1953, he received his honorable discharge from the Army.

Upon his return to Fremont, Hedge started farming with his father. He raised cattle, hogs, corn, and soybeans for over 50 years on the family farm, a family heritage that has continued with the next generation. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially being on the farm and tending to his cattle. He was a member of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, the Mahaska County Pork Producers, the Iowa Soybean Association, the Iowa Corn Growers Association, and the Mahaska County Farm Bureau.

Hedge enjoyed spending time with his family. He gave selflessly of his time and talents to improve and maintain the quality of life in Mahaska County and across the state of Iowa. Hedge was very involved with his community and the surrounding area, including serving in many capacities on the Fremont School Board, Mahaska County School Board, Oskaloosa Chamber of Commerce, and American Legion. He was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church. In 1988, he was elected to the Iowa Senate and served three consecutive terms. He will be remembered as a quiet leader, who helped with many projects.

H. Kay Hedge was a Mahaska County Republican. He served in the Iowa Senate from 1989–2000, during the 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, and 78th General Assemblies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA: That in the passing of the Honorable H. Kay Hedge, 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.

Mark Chelgren  
Kevin Kinney  
Ken Rozenboom  
Committee