

LAURENCE E. ALLEN, JR.

Laurence "Larry" E. Allen Jr., was born on November 30, 1930 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He attended school in 18 different states, and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1953. He married Carolyn Cramton whom he met in Alaska, and their union created three children.

Larry received his bachelor's degree in Geology at the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1955. After completion of his degree he was an instructor for one year at the University of Missouri. He worked for the Army Corp of Engineers in Alaska for two years before moving to Iowa.

After his move to Council Bluffs, he was actively involved in the community and state politics, serving as the Pottawattamie County Republican Chairperson. During the 1980 Republican National Convention, he served as a delegate. He was also on the Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors from 1985-1988.

During his active involvement in his community he served as a member and president of Sons of Norway, American Red Cross where he donated more than 26 gallons of blood, Isaac Walton League, Iowa Heart Association and a recruiter for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He was an avid outdoorsman and he enjoyed traveling, especially road trips. Family and friend knew that he might arrive unannounced to visit.

Larry was a Republican from Pottawattamie County. He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in the fall of 1966, serving for one term. During his time he served on the following committees: Cities and Towns, Commerce, Conservation, Higher Education, Human & Industrial Relations and State Planning and Development.

Representative Allen passed away on October 19, 2015 at the age of 84.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA, That in the passing of the Honorable Laurence E. Allen, Jr., 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.

MARY ANN HANUSA
CHARLIE McCONKEY
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Committee