

LAWRENCE D. CARSTENSEN

Lawrence D. Carstensen, was born on May 15, 1930 in Clinton, Iowa. He graduated from Lyons High School in 1948 and served as an enlisted man in the U.S. Navy. He married Doris Lucy Beach on June 22, 1958 in Albany, Illinois and their union created two children together.

After high school he served as an enlisted man in the U.S. Navy. He attended the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Law at the University of Iowa graduating in 1955. He attended the National College of the State Judiciary in Reno, Nevada in 1976. He practiced law for 20 years with several different attorneys in Clinton, Iowa.

He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Clinton Public Library for twelve years. He was a member of the Board of Directors of New Directions in Clinton and of the Area Substance Abuse Council of Cedar Rapids, which includes Clinton County. He supported the Clinton Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, faithfully. He was a member of the Albany Illinois United Methodist Church and the First United Methodist Church in Clinton.

The Des Moines Press Club honored him in 1963 as outstanding member of the House of Representatives. Governor Robert Ray appointed him to assist with the creation of the Iowa Citizens' Aide, Ombudsman Office. He served as County Attorney of Clinton County for six years and two years as a member of the Iowa Board of Parole. In 1975 he was appointed as Judge of the Seventh Judicial District of Iowa.

Lawrence was a Republican from Clinton County. He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in the fall of 1958, serving for three terms. During his time he served on the following committees: Appropriations, Cities and Towns, Claims, Compensation of Public Officers, Departmental Affairs, Departmental Rules Review, Elections, Judiciary, Public Utilities, Schools, and Ways & Means.

Representative Carstensen passed away on August 21, 2016 at the age of 86.

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 Lawrence D. Carstensen, 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.

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MARY WOLFE
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Committee