

RUSSELL DE JONG

Russell De Jong, was born on October 1, 1941 in Rock Valley, Iowa. He graduated from Western Christian High School in Hull in 1958. He went on to attend and graduate from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota with a bachelor's degree in education. During his marriage to Donna Mae Visser they had four children together. Her married Rosemary in 1983 and they were married until she passed away in December of 2013.

After college he taught in several locations which included two years with the Department of Education for the Government of Guam. He was a board member and treasurer for District 5 of National Union Christian School.

During his time as a Legislator he was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church, member of the Board of the Directors with Pella Jaycees, and a youth evangelism leader in Classis Pella.

He moved to Arizona in 1975. After moving, he worked as a salesman, dedicated to his job working for several different companies.

Russell was a Republican from Marion County. He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in the fall of 1972, serving for one term. During his time he served on the following committees: Education, Natural Resources and Transportation.

Representative DeJong passed away on July 26, 2014 at the age of 71.

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 Russell De Jong, 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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