

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Monroe William Ray, Jr. Senator
Represented Des Moines County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 24 Jan 1938 Burlington, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Jo Anne Ossear 1959

② Marilyn (Stubble) Larson 13 May 1988 Las Vegas, Nevada

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was secretary of the Burlington Central Business District
Citizen Advisory Committee; president of the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association

B. Civic responsibilities NAACP; Chamber of Commerce; Jaycee

C. Profession Pharmacist and manager of Van Meter Pharmacy,
Van Meter, Iowa

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th General Assemblies 1971-1972, 1973-1974;
1975-1976; 1977-1978

6. Public Offices

A. Local Chairman of the Des Moines County Iowa Democratic Central Committee

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 23 Aug 2003 Des Moines, Iowa; burial Aspen Grove Cemetery, Burlington, Iowa

8. Children Clifford Scott; William Ray III; Lisa Ann (Mrs. Beeding);
Melinda Jo; and 3 step-sons - Steve Larson, Jeff Larson, Gregory Larson

9. Names of parents William Ray and Adeline (Berber) Monroes

Morris, William Ray, Jr.

10. Education He was a graduate of the Burlington, Iowa High School,
1955

11. Degrees Graduate of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, 1959
from Pharmacy College

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He was manager of the Van Meter Pharmacy 1987-1998. He also
practiced pharmacy in Dubuque, Pelwin, Fort Madison and
Keokuk, all in Iowa.
- He opened and co-owned Apothecary-24 in Burlington Iowa in 1964.
- Military service - he achieved the rank of Major in the Civil Air
Patrol; U. S. Navy Reserve 1955-1964

Former legislator Monroe dies at 65

By **TONY LEYS**
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

Services were held Wednesday for **William Monroe Jr.**, 65, a former state lawmaker remembered for standing up for the common man.

Mr. Monroe, 65, died Saturday of a stroke at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

"He was an outstanding legislator," said Dale Cochran, who was House speaker while Mr. Monroe was a Democratic state representative in the 1970s. "He was someone I could trust — someone we all could trust."

Mr. Monroe, a pharmacist, represented his hometown of Burlington at the Statehouse. Cochran remembered his friend's activism on issues of human services and land conservation.

Mr. Monroe led the House State Government Committee, and he made headlines for leading an investigation into allegations of misuse of Iowa National Guard money.

He also spoke up when he believed public officials were abusing their authority. At one point, he asked why the attorney general was riding around in a state-owned Cadillac, which had been

confiscated in a drug raid. "I'm not being vindictive," he said, "but there are limits."

"Who is this fellow, Monroe?" the attorney general replied when he heard about the questions. "Doesn't his pharmacy need him? Why is he picking on me?"

Monroe had owned a drugstore in Burlington and also worked in Dubuque, Oelwein, Fort Madison, Keokuk and Van Meter. He had lived in Urbandale for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; two daughters, Lisa Beeding of Kansas City, Kan., and Melinda Monroe of Burlington; two sons, Clifford of Severna Park, Md., and William III of West Burlington; three stepsons, Steve Larson of Urbandale, Jeff Larson of Des Moines and Greg Larson of Ghana, Africa; a brother, Edward of Peoria, Ill.; a sister, Mary Keever of Gladstone, Ill.; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Iowa Pharmacy Association.

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Des Moines, Iowa.*

William "Bill" Walker of Keokuk, four daughters, Mary Rankin, Priscilla Walker and Sandra J. Walker, all of Keokuk, and Catherine Moore of LaGrange, Mo., several grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, she was two sons, one sister and one brother.

Visitation will begin after 3 p.m. Wednesday at DeJong's Funeral Home in Keokuk, where the family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

The funeral for Mrs. Walker will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at DeJong's Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Hauser officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park in Keokuk.

Anna Lester

Anna E. Lester, 83, of Monmouth, Ill., died at 5:35 a.m. Monday, Aug. 25, 2003, at St. Mary Medical Center in Galesburg, Ill.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Turnbull Funeral Home in Monmouth.

He achieved the rank of Major in the Civil Air Patrol and was a lifetime member of the NAACP and a former secretary of the Burlington Central Business District Citizen's Advisory Committee. He also was former chairman of the Des Moines County Democratic Central Committee; former president of District Eight, the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, and Burlington Soaring Association. He was a Des Moines County legislator from 1971 to 1978. He served as chairman of the State Government Committee and was on the Rules Committee.

He was a second class petty officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1955 to 1964. He was a 1955 graduate of Burlington High School and graduated in 1959 from Drake University.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Clifford Scott Monroe of Severna Park, Md., and William Ray Monroe III of West Burlington; two daughters, Lisa Ann Beeding of Kansas City, Kan., and Malinda Jo Monroe of Burlington; three stepsons, Steve Larson of Urbandale, Jeff Larson of Des Moines, and Greg Larson of Ghana, Africa; 15 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother Edward Monroe of Peoria, Ill., and one sister, Mary Lois Keever of Gladstone, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one nephew.

Visitation will begin after noon today at Lunning Chapel in Burlington, where the family will receive friends from 7 until 8:30 p.m.

The funeral for Mr. Monroe will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Lunning Chapel with the Rev. Bill Griffie officiating. Burial will be in Aspen Grove Cemetery, Burlington.

A memorial has been established for the Iowa Pharmacy Foundation.

Alice Brown

Alice Ruth Brown, 81, of Burlington, died Monday, Aug. 25, 2003, at Great River Medical Center in West Burlington.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Lunning Chapel in Burlington.

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Vivian A. Miller

Funeral service for Mrs. Vivian Anita Miller, who died Friday, August 22, 2003, will be at 2:00 PM in Messiah Lutheran Church. The Rev. Donald Hoomstra will officiate. Memorials have been established for the hospital in Liberia, West Africa and the Lutheran Church Pastor's Discrepancy Fund.

Mathiasmeier

Funeral service for Mr. John Mathiasmeier, 79, who died Friday, August 22, 2003, will be today at 10:00 AM in SS. St. Patrick Catholic Church. The Rev. Gerald Stouvenel will be the celebrant. The Des Moines County Resurrection Choir

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Social Security Number: 478-36-5788
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