



South Dakota Legislature

*Legislative
Memorial Service*

January 22, 2015

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday, January 22, 2015 3:00 p.m. (CT)

House Chamber

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| Opening Remarks | Senator Vehle |
| Opening Prayer | Representative Hickey |
| Joint Memorial Resolution | Senator Heineman |
| “The 23rd Psalm” Bobby McFerrin | *Pierre Riggs High School Chamber Choir |
| Reading of the Names for Placing of the Roses | Representative Feickert |
| <i>Rodney E. Gutzler</i> | <i>Sioux Falls</i> <i>House, 1977-1978</i> |
| <i>Robert A. Johnson</i> | <i>Groton</i> <i>Senate, 1957-1962</i> |
| <i>James H. “Jack” Jones</i> | <i>Miller</i> <i>House, 1987-1988</i> |
| <i>Charles J. Mickel</i> | <i>Rapid City</i> <i>House, 1975-1976</i> |
| <i>Wallace G. Myers</i> | <i>Sioux Falls</i> <i>House, 1976</i> |
| <i>Ralph Nachtigal</i> | <i>Platte</i> <i>House, 1977-1980</i> |
| <i>Greg A. Peterson</i> | <i>Sioux Falls</i> <i>House, 1977-1978</i> |
| <i>Ben H. Radcliffe</i> | <i>Huron</i> <i>House, 1955-1962</i> |
| Prayer of Reflection | Representative Soli |
| “Things That Never Die” Lee Dengler | *Pierre Riggs High School Chamber Choir |
| Benediction | Representative Craig |
| Closing Remarks | Representative Hunt |

*Pierre Riggs High School Students directed by Mr. Rodd Bauck, Vocal Director.

Joint Select Committee

Senator Vehle (Co-Chair), Senator Heineman, Senator Bradford,
Representative Craig (Co-Chair), Representative Hickey, Representative Hunt, and
Representative Feickert

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Family members are cordially invited to a reception hosted by the Capitol Club following the Legislative Memorial Service.

The reception will be held in the
Speaker's Lobby
(behind the House Chamber).

NOTE: The following biographical information has been extrapolated from the South Dakota Legislative Manual ("Blue Book") (various editions) and is current as of the publication dates.

WHEREAS, the Great Ruler of the Universe has ordered a final adjournment in the lives of eight former members of the South Dakota Legislature, namely: the Honorable Rodney Gutzler; the Honorable Robert A. Johnson; the Honorable James H. "Jack" Jones; the Honorable Charles J. "Chuck" Mickel; the Honorable Wallace G. "Wally" Myers; the Honorable Ralph Nachtigal; the Honorable Gregory A. "Greg" Peterson; and the Honorable Benjamin "Ben" Radcliffe; and

WHEREAS, in the lives of all these eminent public servants there was noted a profound urgency in an unselfish manner, with trials and vicissitudes often far outweighing honors, but with a consciousness that here in a land of freedom the dignity of the individual is supreme, that justice must be dispensed, and that only by eternal vigilance and unrelenting effort can self-government of a people be preserved; and

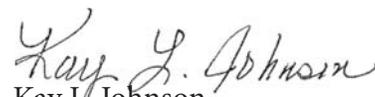
WHEREAS, it is fitting that we humbly honor the memory of those who have thus contributed to the orderly process of government under the Constitution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth Session of the Legislature of the State of South Dakota duly convened in recess session in recognition of the useful lives and unfailing devotion to the interests of the State of South Dakota, as well as the rectitude of thought and action and fidelity to the highest principles of American citizenship by these honorable people, that the Senate and the House of Representatives do now pause in their labors out of respect for the memory of their late fellow associates in the functions of government, and note that in their passing, the state they have served so well has suffered a distinct loss, and though their labors have ceased and they have been laid to rest, the people of this great state have benefited greatly from the services rendered by them and they have left upon the sands of time an inspiring record of devotion to their fellow citizens under the guiding hand of Almighty God; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be printed in the Journals of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Ninetieth Session of the Legislature of the State of South Dakota, now assembled this 22nd day of January, 2015, at Pierre, South Dakota.



Matt Michels
President of the Senate



Kay L. Johnson
Secretary of the Senate



Dean Wink
Speaker of the House



Arlene Kvislen
Chief Clerk of the House



Rodney E. Gutzler

7/21/1946 - 3/19/2014

Married to Bev Forsaith.

Father to one son and two daughters.

Born in Hastings, NE and grew up in Salem, SD. Married Bev Forsaith July 1, 2006. Graduated from Huron College (Student Body President). He worked for Honeywell and Control Data in Minneapolis. In the seventies, he came back to Salem to take over his father's insurance business. He ran for the House of Representatives in 1977. He owned and operated Video Reflections for 15 years, creating event videos, commercials, and product demonstration videos. They sold the business in 1998 and Mr. Gutzler became the Director of Video Operations. He had a quick wit and a passion for politics, sports, movies and family. Presbyterian. Republican.

House of Representatives

1977-1978

McCook County



Robert A. Johnson

9/29/1921 - 12/11/2014

Married to Marvel Green.

Father to R. Van, Kent, Drew, Jay, Marc, and Ann.

Born in Chicago, IL and grew up on a farm near Groton, SD. Educated in the Groton Public Schools and South Dakota State College, Brookings, SD. Married Marvel Green, January 22, 1943. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2013. Mr. Johnson was active in Groton Farmer's Elevator, Northern Electric Cooperative, East River Transmission Cooperative, James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, SD REA, Dakota Electric Cooperative/Basin Electric Cooperative, The Johnson Agency, Prairie States Life Insurance Company, Brown County Federal Credit Union, SD Railroad Board, SD Association of Cooperatives, Groton Community Transit System and Groton Chamber of Commerce. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011 from the Groton Chamber and was inducted into the SD Cooperative Hall of Fame. Methodist. Democrat.

Senate

1957-1962

Brown County



South Dakota

James H. 'Jack' Jones

1/16/1927 - 5/21/2014

Married to Wilma Sligo.

Father to Janice, Janet, Jim, Kristi, Herb, Brian, and Bruce.

Born in Geddes, SD. Married Wilma Sligo on June 12, 1950. Served in the U.S. Army Air Corps; and graduated from the College of Pharmacy at SDSU in 1950. Mr. Jones partnered with his brother Mack in Jones Drug in Miller. Upon his retirement, he served as an inspector for the SD Board of Pharmacy for twenty years. Mr. Jones was a member of Kiwanis and a sixty-year Mason. He served on the Miller City Council and was a member of the South Dakota Legislature in 1987-1988. Presbyterian. Republican.

House of Representatives

1987-1988

Hand County



Charles J. Mickel

12/28/1938 - 9/17/2014

Born in Winner, SD. Graduated from White River High School in 1956. Graduated from University of South Dakota with a Master of Science degree in Geology. Served six years in the army assigned to the Pentagon. Was discharged in May of 1969, applied to the University of South Dakota Law School where he graduated with his Juris Doctorate. Mr. Mickel worked as a law clerk for a Federal District Judge in Aberdeen and did campaigning for his cousin, Senator James Abourezk. He started and owned the Mickel Law Practice until he retired in 2004. Mr. Mickel was active in the Rapid City Community, participating in many local organizations. He was a member of the South Dakota Bar. He was also active in the Habitat for Humanity. Episcopal. Democrat.

House of Representatives

1975-1976

Pennington County



Wallace G. Myers

5/07/1935 - 1/9/2014

Married to Carol Tollefson.

Father to David, Jeff, and Kim.

Born in Flandreau, SD. Married Carol Tollefson, March 17, 1957. He served two years in the United States Army and six years in the South Dakota National Guard. He was a licensed real estate auctioneer, appraiser, and salesman. Mr. Myers was a member of the Toast Masters, Auctioneer Association, American Legion, Masons, Elks, Local 304A Union and United Way. On September 24th, 1976, he was appointed to the House of Representatives by Governor Kneip. He served on the Board of Community Development. He retired from John Morrell's after 47½ years. Mr. Myers served on the SD Workforce Development Council for more than 20 years and the Board of Directors at Service First Federal Credit Union. Lutheran. Democrat.

House of Representatives

1976

Minnehaha County



Ralph Nachtigal

12/07/1933 - 11/22/2014

Married to Patricia Moore.

Father to Julie and Monica.

Born at Academy, SD. Graduated from Platte High School in 1951. Married Patricia Moore, January 14, 1966. Received a B.S. degree from South Dakota State University. Served in the U.S. Navy 1952-1956. Mr. Nachtigal served on one of the first nuclear powered submarines, the USS Tunny. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, Platte Commercial Club and Lake Platte Golf Club. He purchased *The Platte Enterprise* in 1965 and sold the newspaper in 1999. His column, "From the Bottom of the Barrel," was widely read and quoted statewide for nearly 50 years. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1976 and served two terms. He served as the president of the SD Press Association in 1982 and was inducted into the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 2007. Mr. Nachtigal was commended by the South Dakota Legislature in 2008 for his commitment to the newspaper industry and his dedication to the well-being of his state and community. Presbyterian. Democrat.

House of Representatives

1977-1980

Charles Mix County



Greg A. Peterson

10/28/1945 - 3/17/2014

Father to Megan and Ryan.

Born in Sioux Falls, SD. Graduated from Washington High School. Earned a Bachelor's Degree from Augustana College and MBA from University of South Dakota. Mr. Peterson managed the family oil business. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1976. He served as Minnehaha County Commissioner and Exalted Ruler for the Elks. He also managed Job Services of South Dakota before retiring in 2001. For the last years of his life, he owned and operated Grider and Peterson Land Company. Baptist. Republican.

House of Representatives

1977-1978

Minnehaha County



South Dakota

Ben H. Radcliffe

12/21/1915 - 5/13/2014

Married to Dorothy Simons (Dec.) and Dell Foglesong (Dec.).

Father to Dona and Barbara and Linda (Dec.) Step daughters Lynne, Crystal, Rosemary and step son Alan.

Born in Wolsey, SD. Married Dorothy Simons in 1935, she passed away in 1987. Married Del Foglesong March 5, 1988, she passed away in 2013. Graduated from Tulare High School in 1933 and joined the newly established Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC). He served as president and vice president of the South Dakota Farmers Union. In 1954, the Democratic Party Chairman George McGovern persuaded him to run for the South Dakota House of Representatives. Mr. Radcliffe served on the LRC Executive Board 1959-1960. He also served as a local committeeman for the USDA Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) and a member of the Crandon Township rural School board in 1948 and 1949. He served as president of the Redfield Farmers Union Federal Credit Union from 1956 to 1960 and director of the Spink County Electric Cooperative from 1957 until 1960. He served as president of the South Dakota Farmers Union Executive Committee for 20 years and was a delegate to conferences of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. Governor William Janklow declared October 26, 1981, as "Ben Radcliffe Day" in South Dakota. Methodist. Democrat.

House of Representatives

1955-1962

Beadle County

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