



South Dakota Legislature

*Legislative
Memorial Service*

January 18, 2018

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday, January 18, 2018 3:00 p.m. (CT)

House Chamber

Opening Remarks	Representative Stevens
Opening Prayer	Representative Bartling
Joint Memorial Resolution	Representative Turbiville
“When The Earth Stands Still” - Don MacDonald	*Pierre Riggs High School Chamber Choir
Reading of the Names for Placing of the Roses	Senator Cammack

William F. “Bill” Clayton *Minnehaha County* *House of Representatives, 1967-1969*

Richard O. “Dick” Gregerson *Minnehaha County* *Senate, 1979-1982*

Oscar E. Huber *Edmunds County* *House of Representatives, 1961-1972*

Homer Kandaras *Pennington County* *Senate, 1971-1976*

Howard L. Kennedy *Union County* *House of Representatives, 1981-1992*

Roger D. McKellips *Union County* *Senate, 1977-1978 and 1981-1994*

Kenneth G. “Kenny” McNenny *Meade County* *House of Representatives, 1987-2000*
Senate, 2005-2008

Robert L. “Bob” Miller *Brule County* *Senate, 1971-1974*

Clint Roberts *Lyman County* *Senate, 1973-1978*

Robert J. Schumacher *Pennington County* *House of Representatives, 1963-1968*

Craig Tieszen *Pennington County* *Senate, 2009-2016*
House of Representatives, 2017-2017

Prayer of Reflection	Representative McCleerey
“Calling My Children Home” - Joseph H. Jennings	*Pierre Riggs High School Chamber Choir
Benediction	Senator Jensen
Closing Remarks	Senator Frerichs

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

Joint Select Committee

Senators: Gary L. Cammack, Phil Jensen, Jason E. Frerichs

Representatives: Mike Stevens, Charles M. Turbiville, Julie Bartling, Karen Soli

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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 legislative documents, and obituary information.

WHEREAS, the Great Ruler of the Universe has ordered a final adjournment in the lives of eleven former members of the South Dakota Legislature, namely: The Honorable William F. "Bill" Clayton; the Honorable Richard O. "Dick" Gregerson; the Honorable Oscar E. Huber; the Honorable Homer M. Kandaras; the Honorable Howard L. Kennedy; the Honorable Roger D. McKellips; the Honorable Kenneth G. "Kenny" McNenny; the Honorable Robert L. "Bob" Miller; the Honorable Clinton R. "Clint" Roberts; the Honorable Robert J. "Bob" Schumacher; and the Honorable Craig J. Tieszen; 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

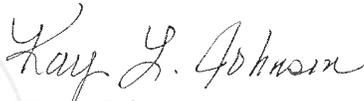
WHEREAS, it is fitting that we humbly honor the memory of those who have thus contributed to the orderly process of government under the Constitution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Ninety-third 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 Ninety-third Session of the Legislature of the State of South Dakota, now assembled this 18th day of January, 2018, at Pierre, South Dakota.



Matt Michels
President of the Senate



Kay L. Johnson
Secretary of the Senate



G. Mark Mickelson
Speaker of the House



Sandra J. Zinter
Chief Clerk of the House



South Dakota

William F. “Bill” Clayton

9/20/1923 - 4/20/2017

Married to Sally Renden (dec.)

Father to Stuart Tufty (Ted), William, Thomas, Kristin
(dec.), Robert (dec.), Elizabeth (dec.)

Bill Clayton was born September 20, 1923, in Charles City, Iowa. His family moved to Santa Monica, California, where he graduated from high school in 1941.

Bill joined the Air Force on October 23, 1941, and served in England and France during WWII. He was honorably discharged at the rank of sergeant on December 6, 1945. Bill returned to California and attended UCLA, where he played varsity tennis.

Bill met Sally Renden while attending UCLA. They were married August 22, 1946, and returned to the Midwest. He graduated from the University of South Dakota Law School in 1951.

Bill and Sally moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and continued to play in tennis tournaments with Bill and his doubles partner winning many local and state tournaments. The Claytons were involved in the growth of tennis in the 1960s, inspiring their children to play at championship levels. In 1995, Bill and Sally were inducted into the South Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame. Bill also enjoyed hunting and golf.

During his career, Bill served two terms as States Attorney, and was a State Representative 1967-1969, resigning in 1969. He was appointed United States Attorney for South Dakota in 1969 and served eight years. He was also appointed Federal Clerk of Courts for South Dakota and served until his retirement in 1995.

Bill was a member and President of the Sioux Falls Lions Club, of the American Legion Club, various other organizations and was a YMCA mentor and basketball coach.

Bill was an early member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church where he drafted its by-laws and served as council president.

*House of Representatives
1967-1969
Minnehaha County*



Richard O. “Dick” Gregerson

4/27/1932 - 4/25/2017

Married to Bonnie Ellwein (dec.)
Father to Kari and Lisa

Dick Gregerson was born April 27, 1932, in Hartington, Nebraska. The family moved to Marshall, Minnesota, and later to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he attended school.

After graduating from high school, Dick enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in combat during the Korean War as a forward observer, a treacherous job that entailed spotting enemy positions and calling in artillery strikes.

Following the war, Dick attended Augustana College, graduated in 1957, and then went on to the University of South Dakota Law School.

After earning his law degree, Dick joined the FBI as a special agent. He returned to Sioux Falls and joined the Woods, Fuller, Schultz & Smith law firm. He later opened his own law practice.

Dick and Bonnie Ellwein were married in 1958. Bonnie passed away in 2008.

Dick was elected to the South Dakota State Senate in 1978, and served four years. He built a successful lobbying practice that spanned decades. He was involved in Sioux Falls city government, Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, and other service organizations. Dick was a member of the American Lutheran Church.

In 2009, the University of South Dakota Law School, Student Bar Association awarded Dick the prestigious “Marshall M. McKusick Award” for his contribution to the legal profession. Augustana College recognized him in 2013 with an “Alumni Achievement Award”.

*Senate
1979-1982
Minnehaha County*



Oscar E. Huber

8/22/1917 - 9/9/2017

Married to Judith Sheppard (dec.)
Father to Paul, Kirk, Ryan, Rosann

Oscar Huber was born August 22, 1917, in Hosmer, South Dakota. The family moved to Trail City, South Dakota when he was an infant, then relocated to the Huber homestead seven miles northeast of Bowdle, South Dakota. Oscar attended a rural school and graduated from Bowdle High School in 1935. He graduated from Northern State College in 1947 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education.

Oscar taught one year in a rural school, 11 years at Roscoe High School, and one year at Hosmer High School. He took a year off and toured the United States, then returned to his farm. In 1960, Oscar was elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives, serving from 1961 through 1972.

He and Judith Sheppard were married July 6, 1974, at Aberdeen. They settled on Oscar's farm where they raised their family. Judith passed away May 21, 2005.

Over the years Oscar served on various boards and committees.

He lobbied vigorously for the WEB Water Pipeline in Washington D.C.

Oscar attained the age of 100 on August 22, 2017.

House of Representatives
1961-1972
Edmunds County



South Dakota

Homer Kandaras

8/23/1929 - 9/25/2017

Married to Connie Norman

Father to Lesley, Michael, Brian (dec.)

Stepfather to Gwenyth and Gregory

Homer Kandaras was born August 23, 1929, in Aberdeen, South Dakota. He moved to Rapid City, South Dakota, in 1945. After graduating high school, he attended one year at National School of Business. He joined the Army and served from 1954 to 1956. After his discharge, he studied history, pre-law and law courses at the University of South Dakota and graduated with a Juris Doctorate degree.

Homer was elected to the South Dakota Senate in 1970 and served from 1971 through 1976. He was assistant majority leader, majority leader, and chairman of the Judiciary Committee. Homer served on the Governor's Commission on Executive Reorganization, South Dakota Code Commission, and was appointed to the State Election Board.

Homer and Connie Norman were married August 8, 1995.

Homer was appointed by the Rapid City Mayor to serve on several local committees. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, Pi Sigma Alpha, the South Dakota Bar Association, past member of the Federal Bar Association, and was admitted to practice at the Supreme Court of South Dakota of the 8th Circuit Appellate Court.

Homer's lifetime interest was in politics, as well as photography, coaching Little League athletics, softball, playing pool, and bowling.

Senate

1971-1976

Pennington County



South Dakota

Howard L. Kennedy

4/13/1928 - 10/31/2017

Married to Alice Mae Larson

Father to Laurel, Margaret, Jack, Tom, Ruth (dec.)

Howard Kennedy was born April 13, 1927, in Beresford, South Dakota. He attended Beresford Schools, graduated from Beresford High School in 1946, and went to Sioux Falls College from 1946-1948.

He farmed and raised livestock near Beresford.

Howard was mayor of Beresford for eight years, was on the Beresford School Board, and Lincoln County Planning Commission. He also was the Lincoln County Republican Committeeman and Delegate to the State Republican Convention. Howard was a member of the Farm Bureau, a 4-H Leader and 4-H Chairman.

House of Representatives

1981-1992

Union County



South Dakota

Roger D. McKellips

1/26/1923 - 8/18/2017

Married to Wilma Linduski

Father to Sherran, Kathryn (dec.), Beverly, Gary

Roger McKellips was born January 26, 1923, in Alcester, South Dakota. He graduated from Alcester High School in 1941 and was a proud member of the 1941 State "B" basketball championship team. He attended Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, for one year, enlisted in the United States Air Force, and served in India and China during WWII.

Roger and Wilma Linduski were married April 23, 1943. After the war, they moved to Lawrence, Kansas, where he attended the University of Kansas, graduating with a business degree in 1948. Following graduation, the family moved to Alcester, where Roger began his 60-year banking career at the State Bank of Alcester.

Roger was an enthusiastic supporter of agriculture and economic development causes and helped many farmers and businesses get started. He was a dedicated public servant, serving six terms in the South Dakota Legislature. He was Senate Minority and Majority Leader. Roger was the Democratic candidate for Governor in 1978.

Roger was a charter member of the Alcester Lions Club and a life-long member of the United Church of Christ. He was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 2003.

Roger had a competitive nature and loved bowling, golf, playing pinochle, hunting, fishing and traveling.

Senate

1981-1994 | 1977-1978

Union County



Kenneth G. “Kenny” McNenny

12/10/1935 - 1/17/2017

Married to Henrietta Young
Father to Lyle, Lynn, Larry, Doreen

Kenny McNenny was born December 10, 1935, and grew up on the homesteaded McNenny Ranch on the Belle Fourche River. Kenny attended a one room country school through the eighth grade, went to High School in Sturgis, South Dakota, and graduated in 1954.

Because he was the only son of a rancher, it was inevitable Kenny would take over the family ranch, which he did proudly. He spent months logging timber in the Black Hills to build a home.

Kenny and Henrietta Young were married May 11, 1957.

In 1986, Kenny ran for State Representative from District 29 and served seven two-year terms. He was Majority Whip from 1997-2000. After he termed out of the House of Representatives, he went on to serve two terms in the Senate.

Kenny was a very active member of the community. He held offices in the Meade County Farm Bureau, local school board, Meade County Extension Board for three years, and was a Soil Conservation Supervisor for thirteen years. Kenny was Chairman of the High School Rodeo Booster Club, served on the Finance Committee for South Dakota Conservation Districts, was Director of the South Dakota Beef Cattle Improvement Association, and active on the Committee of South Dakota and Meade County Stock Growers.

Kenny was awarded the “Meade County Outstanding Young Farmer” in 1968. In 2007, he received the “National Conservative Award”, and was appointed to the South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority in 2011.

*House of Representatives | Senate
1987-2000 | 2005-2008
Meade County*



*Robert L. “Bob”
Miller*

2/21/1937 - 12/28/2017

Robert Lee Miller was born in Kimball, South Dakota. He attended and graduated from Kimball High School in 1956. Bob received a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary’s College in Minnesota. Bob enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving as Airman First Class from 1961-1964. He owned and operated CBS Miller’s Oil for 45 years.

Bob served as Mayor of Kimball for three terms. He was a member of St. Margaret’s Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Bob was a member of Drips American Legion Post and served as County Commander, District 6 Commander, as well as Adjutant for his local Post.

*Senate
1971-1974
Brule County*



Clint Roberts

1/30/1935 - 2/13/2017

Married to Beverly Dittman
Father to Debra, Schelle, Clayton, Kristi (dec.)

Clint Roberts was born in Presho, South Dakota, on January 30, 1935, attended grade school in Presho, graduated from Presho High School in 1952, and attended Black Hills State University.

On December 7, 1952, Clint and Beverly Dittman were married in Presho. They celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in 2016.

Clint farmed and ranched in Lyman County for most of his life and taught school briefly. He also acted in the 1970s, appearing in several television commercials and some movies. Clint produced and narrated the documentary, "Love of the Land" about agriculture in South Dakota.

One of Clint's passions was community service. After serving as a State Senator, he was elected as one of South Dakota's Congressional Representatives in 1980. He served from 1981-1983.

He was the South Dakota Director of Energy Policy and South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture. He also worked as a consultant for the International Trade Administration. Clint was the Director for the South Dakota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, retiring in 2003.

Senate
1973-1978
Lyman County



South Dakota

Robert J. Schumacher

2/10/1929 - 9/24/2016

Married to Carol Laws (dec.)

Father to Mary Ann, Robert, Charles, Jane

Bob Schumacher was born in Mitchell, South Dakota, on February 10, 1929. He attended Rapid City High School, served in the U.S. Army, and completed his legal studies at the University of South Dakota Law School in 1953.

Bob ranched and practiced law. He was Deputy States Attorney for Pennington County, and Special City Attorney for Rapid City.

Bob was a member of the Masons, Elks, and Rapid City Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Congregational Church.

He served in the House of Representatives from 1963 through 1968 and at that time was one of South Dakota's youngest State Representatives.

Bob retired from Bank One (Valley National Bank) in 1999 as Vice President of the Trust Department.

House of Representatives

1963-1968

Pennington County



Craig Tieszen

10/24/1949 - 11/22/2017

Married to Deb Pesek
Father to Leslie and Laura

Craig Tieszen was born October 24, 1949, in Canistota, South Dakota. He graduated from Canistota High School in 1967; South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in 1971, with a degree in Chemical Engineering; and University of South Dakota selected studies in Criminal Justice in 1980. He served four years as a volunteer in the Peace Corps in Kenya.

Craig started his 32-year career with the Rapid City Police Department in 1975. He served as Police Chief from 2000-2007, retiring in 2007.

Craig was elected to the South Dakota Senate in 2009 and served through 2016. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 2016 and served in 2017. In addition to his public service, Craig sat on many nonprofit boards of directors including Rapid City's Club for Boys, where he served for 35 years.

Senate | House of Representatives
2009-2016 | 2017-2017
Pennington County

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