

# **SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE**



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## **LEGISLATIVE MEMORIAL SERVICE**

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**JANUARY 20, 2005**



### **JOINT-SELECT COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS**

**Senator Kenneth McNenny, Co-Chair**

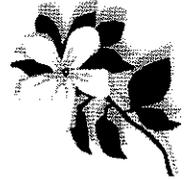
**Representative Elizabeth Kraus, Co-Chair**

**Senator Ed Olson  
Senator Julie Bartling**

**Representative Al Novstrup  
Representative Roger W. Hunt  
Representative Gerald F. Lange**



# JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE



Thursday, January 20, 2005, 3:00 p.m. (CT)  
House Chamber

Opening Remarks ..... Senator Kenneth McNenny

Opening Prayer ..... Representative Elizabeth Kraus

*Amazing Grace* (Jack Schrader, Arr.) .... Riggs High School All State Choir Students\*

KIMBERLY BARTELS, BRIAN BOE, WILL BUTLER, MELINDA CHRISTIANSEN, KORI FORD, LISA HEFFERNAN,  
SETH HIPPLE, PORTIA HURNEY, RACHEL LeBEAU, AMBER LEFAIVE, ASHLIE LIVERMONT,  
KIRBY MAMMENG, V MCDUGALL, BRITTANY MERCHEN, ALICIA PALMER, LUKE SCHUETZLE,  
JOEL STARS, NICOLE STASCH, JASON STEELY, DAN TIMMONS, TANNER WALD, ISAAC WILLIAMS

Joint Memorial Resolution ..... Senator Julie Bartling

Reading of the Names  
for Placing of the Roses ..... Senator Ed Olson and Representative Al Novstrup

Dale V. Andersen	Mitchell	House, 1977-1980
George D. Blue	Huron	Senate, 1963-1966
Willis E. "Bill" Danekas	Raymond	House, 1971-1982
Robert W. Hirsch	Tripp	Senate, 1957-1969
Robert C. Kostboth, Sr.	Canistota	House, 1971-1972
Carol Maicki	Black Hawk	Senate, 1991-1992
Maurice A. Olson	Waubay	House, 1971-1982; 1993-1996
Robert L. Samuelson	Faith	Senate, 1981-1984
James L. Stoick	Mobridge	House, 1975-1978; Senate, 1979-1992
Elvern Varilek	Geddes	House, 1961-1970
Drue J. Vitter	Hill City	Senate, 1997-2004
Mary Kathryn Wagner	Brookings	House, 1981-1988; Senate, 1989-1992

*Pie Jesu* (Andrew Lloyd Webber, Composer) ..... Rachel LeBeau and Ashlie Livermont\*

Benediction ..... Representative Roger W. Hunt

Closing Remarks ..... Representative Gerald F. Lange

\*Riggs High School Students directed by Mr. Will Hanson, Vocal Director.

NOTE: The following biographical information has been extrapolated from the *Biographical Directory of the South Dakota Legislature* (1989) and the *South Dakota Legislative Manual* ("Blue Book") (various editions) and is current as of the publication dates.



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

*The reception will be held in the Speakers'  
Lobby (behind the House Chamber).*

# South Dakota Legislature

**WHEREAS**, the Great Ruler of the Universe has ordered a final adjournment in the lives of twelve former members of the South Dakota Legislature, namely: the *Honorable Dale V. Andersen*, the *Honorable George D. Blue*, the *Honorable Willis E. "Bill" Danekas*, the *Honorable Robert W. Hirsch*, the *Honorable Robert C. Kostboth, Sr.*, the *Honorable Carol Maicki*, the *Honorable Maurice A. Olson*, the *Honorable Robert L. Samuelson*, the *Honorable James L. Stoick*, the *Honorable Elvern Varilek*, the *Honorable Drue J. Vitter*, and the *Honorable Mary Kathryn Wagner*; 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 Eightieth Session of the Legislature of the State of South Dakota duly convened in recess session in recognition of the useful lives and unflinching 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 Eightieth Session of the Legislature of the State of South Dakota, now assembled this 20th day of January, 2005, at Pierre, South Dakota.

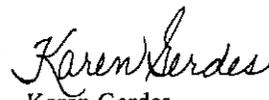


Dennis Daugaard  
President of the Senate

Matthew Michels  
Speaker of the House



Patricia Adam  
Secretary of the Senate



Karen Gerdes  
Chief Clerk of the House



DALE V. ANDERSEN, (Republican). Born March 2, 1917. High school graduate; and B.A. degree from Dakota Wesleyan University. Engaged in agri-business. Served 5 years on 9th District Federal Reserve Board. Member of United Methodist Church; present member of church board on service and administration; Masonic Bodies; El Riad Shrine; Elks'; S.D. Stock Growers and Farm Bureau. Award for Distinguished Service to College and State by National Dakota Wesleyan University Alumni Association in 1979. Married Evelyn Du Bois on June 18, 1940 and has two sons and one daughter. Elected to the House in 1976; re-elected in 1978. Seventeenth District, Davison and Aurora counties.

Address: Mitchell, South Dakota.



GEORGE BLUE (Democrat) was born on February 12, 1927, at Huron. He attended Iroquois Public Schools, Huron College and received a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of South Dakota Law School. He served as the Beadle County state's attorney and is a member of the Catholic Church, Izaak Walton League, Knights of Columbus, Elks and American Legion. He married Belva Meyer; they had one son, Thomas, and one daughter, Kathleen. Mr. Blue served in the Senate from 1963-66 representing Beadle County. He served on the executive board of the Legislative Research Council in 1963.

WILLIS E. DANEKAS (Democrat) was born on July 26, 1925. He graduated from Raymond High School. He served in Italy in the 10th Mt. Division in World War II, receiving the Combat Infantry and Bronze Star Medal. Danekas farmed and was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, local government, the school board, Livestock and Crop Improvement Association, Farm Bureau, was a township supervisor and served as a department commander of the South Dakota American Legion. He and his wife, Valois J., were married on June 3, 1947; they had two children. Mr. Danekas was elected to the House of Representatives in 1970 to represent Spink and Clark Counties and in 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978 and 1980 to represent Spink, Clark and Day Counties.





ROBERT WILLIAM HIRSCH (Republican) was born on October 12, 1925, at Tripp. He attended public school and high school at Tripp, South Dakota, Mississippi College at Clinton, Mississippi, the University of South Carolina at Columbia, receiving a B.S. degree in mathematics, and the University of South Dakota Law School, receiving an LL.B. degree. Hirsch served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-47, the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1947-56 and the South Dakota National Guard from 1956-61. He is an attorney at law, served as Young Republican Chairman of Hutchinson County, city attorney of Tripp and state's attorney of Hutchinson County from 1953-57.

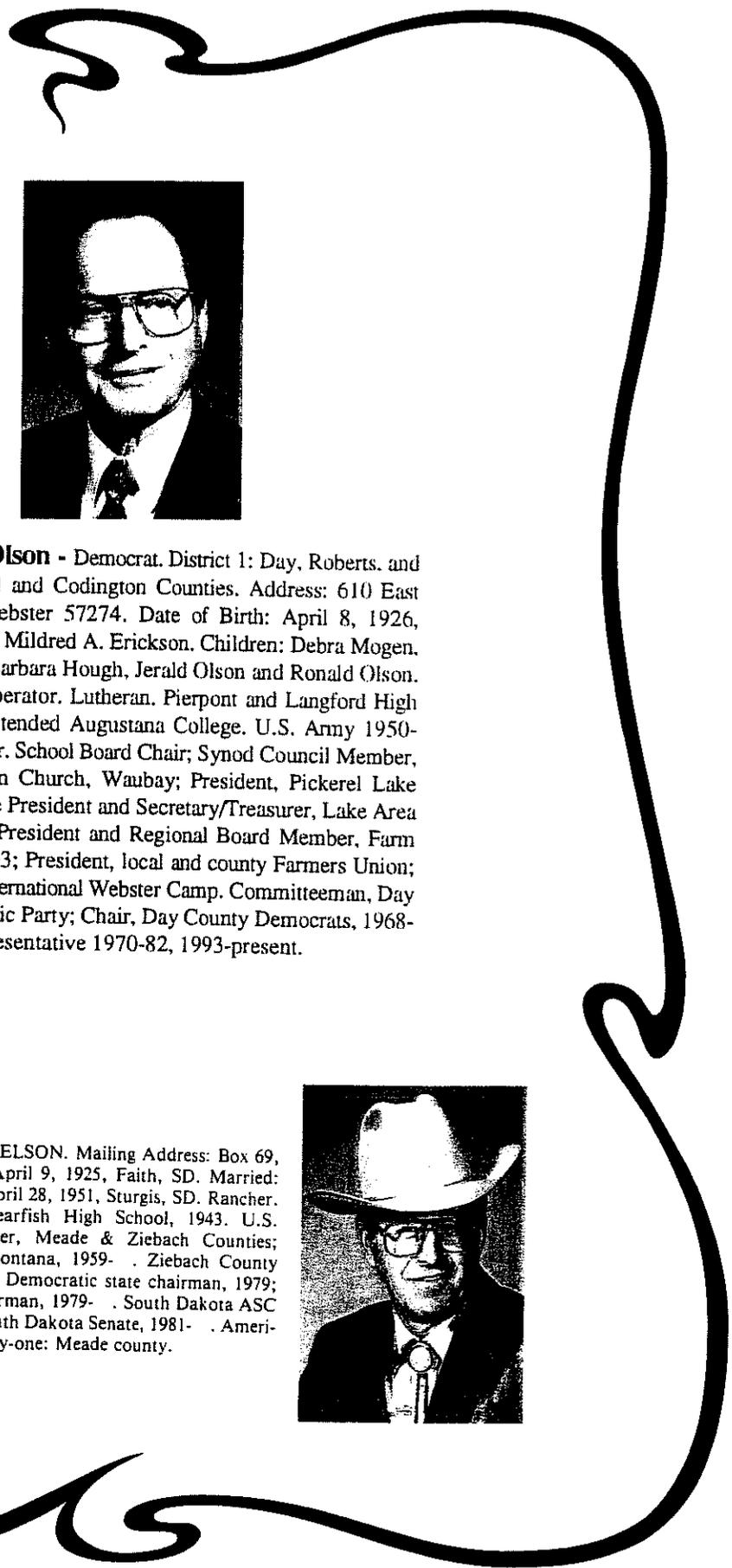
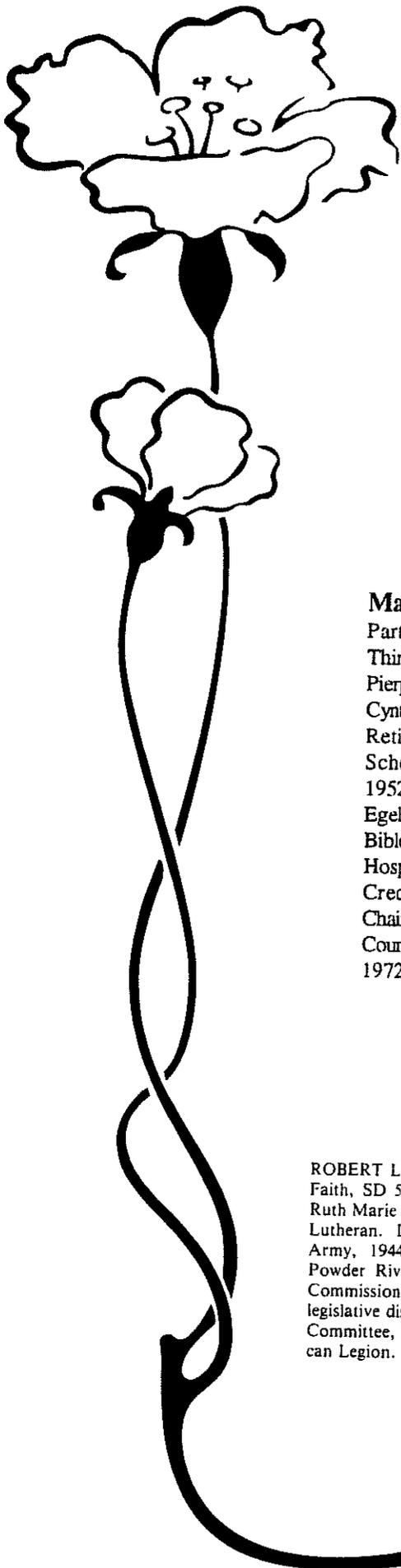
Mr. Hirsch is a member of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church and was very active in various church organizations. He has been a member of the South Dakota States Attorney's Association, South Dakota Bar Association, Judicial Council of the South Dakota Bar Association, American Bar Association, National Peace Officers Association and the American Legion. He married Doris Jean Brosz; they had two sons, John Scott and James Robert, and one daughter, Jayne Marie. Following the death of his first wife, he married Lyla Voorhees in 1968; they have a daughter, Sarah Anne. Mr. Hirsch served in the Senate from 1957-69 representing Douglas and Hutchinson Counties. He was elected to the LRC Executive Board in 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963 and 1965, and served as Chairman from 1961-62. He resigned from the Legislature in December 1969.



ROBERT C. KOSTBOTH, Sr. (Republican) was born on April 15, 1918, in Sioux City, Iowa. He attended high school and graduated in 1936. After graduation he farmed with his father. In 1946 Kostboth bought the Timmerman-Welzin Hardware which he operated until 1950. Robert was a township board member for many years and police chief of Canistota from 1951 to 1952. At one time he owned the Canistota Corner and the Canistota Hatchery. Mr. Kostboth was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, a committee member of the Farmers Home Administration and a member of the McCook County A.S.C. Committee. He married on February 4, 1942, and had five children; Robert L. Jr., Allan, Karen Lee, Charles and Sharon. Mr. Kostboth served in the House of Representatives from 1971-72 representing McCook County. Bob moved back to the farm after his fathers death, and sold Northrup King seed.



CAROL MAICKI. Mailing Address: PO Box 375, Black Hawk, SD 57718. Born: July 16, 1936, Holden, MA. Married: Henry J. Maicki. Children: Henry III, Matthew, Scott, Julia, Mary. Protestant. Democrat. Owner, Electrical Engineering Consulting business and consultant to non-profit organizations. University of Michigan, B.A. 1978. Local Government Study Commission. State Senator 1991-. District 26: Meade County.



**Maurice A. Olson** - Democrat. District 1: Day, Roberts, and Part of Marshall and Codington Counties. Address: 610 East Third Street, Webster 57274. Date of Birth: April 8, 1926, Pierpont. Spouse: Mildred A. Erickson. Children: Debra Mogen, Cynthia Wolter, Barbara Hough, Jerald Olson and Ronald Olson. Retired Farm Operator. Lutheran. Pierpont and Langford High School, 1944; attended Augustana College. U.S. Army 1950-1952, Korean War. School Board Chair; Synod Council Member, Egeland Lutheran Church, Waubay; President, Pickerel Lake Bible Camp; Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, Lake Area Hospital Board; President and Regional Board Member, Farm Credit Region 803; President, local and county Farmers Union; Chair, Gideons International Webster Camp. Committeeman, Day County Democratic Party; Chair, Day County Democrats, 1968-1972. State Representative 1970-82, 1993-present.

**ROBERT LLOYD SAMUELSON**. Mailing Address: Box 69, Faith, SD 57626. Born: April 9, 1925, Faith, SD. Married: Ruth Marie Samuelson, April 28, 1951, Sturgis, SD. Rancher. Lutheran. Democrat. Spearfish High School, 1943. U.S. Army, 1944-1946. Rancher, Meade & Ziebach Counties; Powder River County, Montana, 1959- . Ziebach County Commissioner, 1960-1962. Democratic state chairman, 1979; legislative district vice-chairman, 1979- . South Dakota ASC Committee, 1976-1978. South Dakota Senate, 1981- . American Legion. District Twenty-one: Meade county.



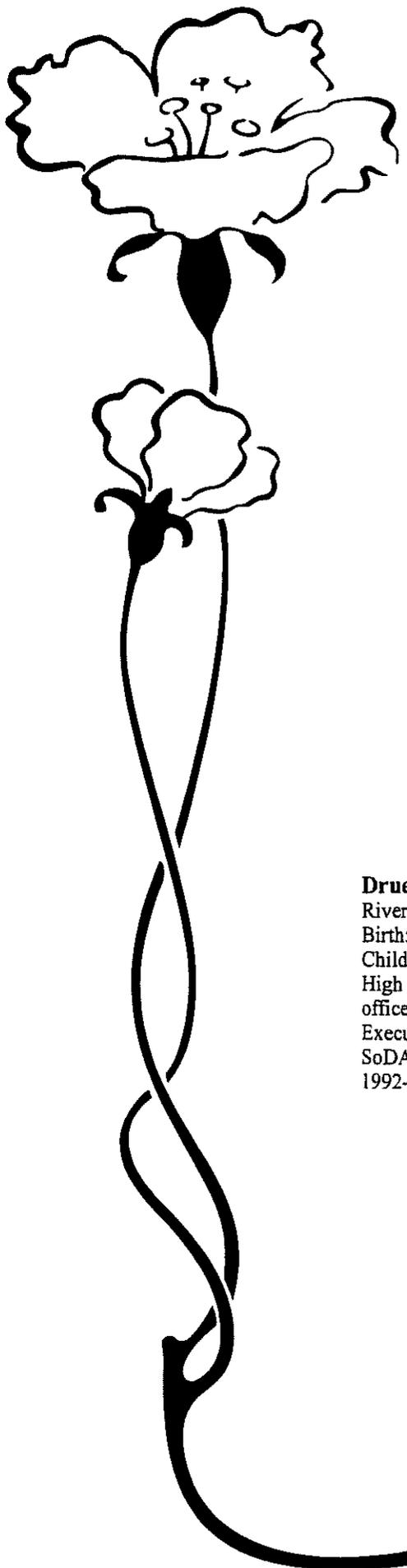


JAMES L. (JIM) STOICK. Mailing Address: 224 E. 9th St., Mobridge, SD 57601. Born: March 14, 1919, Timber Lake, SD. Married: Cora C. Mullenix, October 12, 1939, Newell, SD. Children: Barry, Barbara, Bettie, Bill, Benj. Super Market Executive. Catholic. Republican. Timber Lake High School, 1937; University of S.D., 1943. Supermarket Owner and Executive, 49 years. Former Timber Lake School Board Member; Mayor, Timber Lake. S.D. Commissioner, WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education); Walworth County Republican Chairman, Mobridge, 1973; State Chair, "Hanson for Governor". Former President, Mobridge Chamber of Commerce; Chairman, Industrial Development, Mobridge; Hospital Board Member, Mobridge; Oahe Alcohol & Drug Center, Director. Red Cross; Knights of Columbus; Rotary; Eagles; Moose; Mobridge Country Club. Boss of the Year, 1972; Retailer of the Year, 1982; S.D. Retailers Board; 4-H Award, 1975. State Representative, 1975-1978; State Senator, 1979-; Senate Assistant Majority Leader, 1989-. District 25: Campbell, McPherson, Walworth and Edmunds Counties.



ELVERN VARILEK (Democrat) was born on October 18, 1925, at Geddes, South Dakota. He had a high school education and was engaged in ranching. Varilek was an ASC committee-man, clerk of the county school board, served on the local school board and PTA chairman. Chairman of the S.D. Central Angus Association, president of the S.D. State Angus Association, 4-H leader and a member of the Democrat Advisory Committee, Varilek was also associated with the Masonic Lodge, Oriental Consistory, El Riad Shrine, the Methodist Church and the Policies and Goal Commission. He married Margaret Durham; they had five children, Donna, Tommy, Michael, Kathy and Lory. Mr. Varilek was elected to the House of Representatives in 1960 to represent Aurora, Brule and Charles Mix Counties, in 1962 and 1964 to represent Charles Mix County and in 1966 and 1968 to represent Charles Mix and Brule Counties. He was elected to the Legislative Research Council Executive Board in 1963, serving until 1968, and was the minority leader of the Democrat Party in 1963, 1964 and 1965.



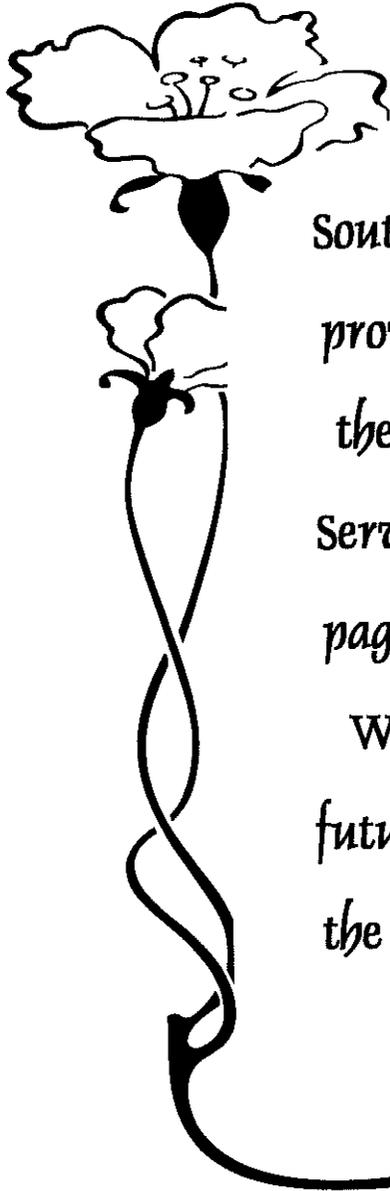


**Drue Vitter** - Republican. Dist. 30: Pennington, Custer, Fall River Counties. Address: PO Box 41, Hill City 57745. Date of Birth: July 21, 1942, New Orleans, LA. Spouse: Patsy Casanova. Children: Drue Anthony. First Assembly of God. Holy Cross High School, New Orleans, LA. Retail Business Owner. Past officer of Economic Development Hill City Area, 2001-2003; Executive Board, Municipal League, 1996-98; Board Member, SoDA. SD Sheriffs' Legislator of the Year. Mayor of Hill City, 1992-98; State Senator, 1997-present.



MARY KATHRYN (MUMFORD) WAGNER (Republican) was born on June 19, 1932, in Madison, South Dakota. She and Robert T. Wagner were married on June 23, 1954; they have two children: Christopher J., Zurich, Switzerland, and Andrea B., Washington, D.C. Mrs. Wagner received a B.A. in government from the University of South Dakota in 1954, an M.Ed. in social sciences and a Ph.D. in sociology from South Dakota State University in 1974 and 1978, respectively. She was a teacher at Wattertown Public School from 1968-71, Brookings High School from 1971-75, Huron College in 1976, South Dakota State University from 1977-78, Dakota State College from 1978-79, Augustana College in 1979, and assistant director of the S.D. Committee on the Humanities from 1981 to the present.

Wagner served on the Brookings School Board from 1975-80, was the chairman of the Platform Committee at the 1986 State Republican Convention, was on the Brookings County Republican Central Committee, and was named Brookings Woman of the Year in 1981. She is a member of the Episcopal Church, Rotary, PEO, American Legion Auxiliary, the Brookings Chamber Music Society and a number of professional organizations. Wagner was a member of the House of Representatives from 1981 to 1988 representing southwestern Brookings County. In 1988 she was elected to the Senate from the same district. She has served as vice chairwoman of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and the Rules Review Committee.



*South Dakota Public Broadcasting provided a live audio Webcast of the 2005 Legislative Memorial Service (at the Legislature's home page on the Internet). This audio Webcast has been archived for future reference. You may access the Webcast at the address below.*

<http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2005/index.cfm>