



Senator H. Kay Hedge

April 2, 1928 - October 28, 2016

H. Kay Hedge, age 88 of Fremont, died October 28, 2016 at the Hospice House of Wapello County.

He was born April 2, 1928, in Mahaska County, the Son of Harry K. and Ava Blair Hedge. He attended Shiloh Country School and graduated from Fremont High School in 1946. Kay attended the University of Iowa. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Kay was united in marriage to Alleen Ruggles on July 15, 1951 in Fremont, IA. To this union three children were born, Kimberly, Kevin, and Mark. In 1953, he received his honorable discharge from the Army and returned to Fremont. He started farming with his father on the family farm. Kay has raised cattle, pigs, corn, and soybeans for over fifty years on the family farm, a farming heritage that has continued with the next generation. Kay was very involved with the Fremont community and surrounding area; he gave selflessly of his time and talents to improve and maintain quality of life in southern Mahaska County and across the state of Iowa. He served in many capacities for the following organizations, Fremont School Board, Mahaska County School Board, and Mahaska County Farm Bureau to name a few. In 1988, Kay was elected to the Iowa Senate, he served three consecutive terms retiring in 2001. He was a very active member of the Fremont United Methodist Church where he served in various leadership roles, several agriculture related commodity groups and associations, and the Hedrick American Legion. He served as a trustee for the Navy Warner-Arganbright Scholarship Committee. Kay enjoyed the outdoors, especially being on the farm and tending to his cattle. He delighted in spending time with his family and was proud of each one of them. He and Alleen spent many evenings and weekends on the road to attend various activities of children and grandchildren. He will be remembered as a quiet leader, who helped with many projects.

His family includes his wife of over 65 years Alleen Hedge of Fremont; a daughter and her husband, Dr. Kimberly and Charles Brown of Ottumwa; two sons and their wives, Kevin and Jane Hedge of Ottumwa and Mark and Cindy Hedge of Fremont; eight grandchildren, Danielle (Gil) Wukitsch, Melissa (Dr. Michael) Nguyen, Dr. Kirsten (Dr. Scott) Radke,

Arielle Brown, Kelsey (Bryan) Henderson, Hayden (Jennifer) Hedge, Hannah Hedge, and Sean Hedge; five great grandchildren, Ava Wukitsch, Grant Wukitsch, Cora Nguyen, Iris Nguyen, and Blair Henderson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Rex Hedge; and two sisters, Mary E. Hedge and Dorothy Tungate.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 5, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fremont United Methodist Church in Fremont with Reverend Bob Voels officiating. Burial will be in the Cedar Township Memorial Cemetery in Fremont. The Fremont Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will begin Friday after 10 a.m. in the Fremont United Methodist Church in Fremont with the family present at the church from 5-8 Friday evening to greet friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to the Kay Hedge Memorial Fund and will be used to benefit the Fremont United Methodist Church, Fremont High School Alumni Banquet Scholarship and Wapello Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Township Memorial Cemetery

Fremont, IA 52561

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fremont United Methodist Church
526 East Main Street
Fremont, IA 52561

Funeral Service

NOV 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Fremont United Methodist Church
526 East Main Street
Fremont, IA 52561

Tribute Wall

WW

“ Sorry for your loss Allen. You and your family were always nice to the boys and me.

Wanda Eddy Westhoff - November 04, 2016 at 08:35 PM

DM

“ Doug & Bevky Malicoat lit a candle in memory of Senator H. Kay Hedge



Doug & Bevky Malicoat - November 03, 2016 at 06:29 AM

TF

“ Tonya, Dzung and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Senator H. Kay Hedge.



Tonya, Dzung and family - November 02, 2016 at 02:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Senator H. Kay Hedge.



November 02, 2016 at 06:23 AM

GS

“ Our hearts go out to the entire Hedge family. I have been blessed to be able to grow up in the neighborhood of Kay and Alleen and family. Many memories are remembered. Growing up our family hunted every Thanksgiving on Kay`s ground, sometimes meeting up together back in the timber. Also my mom would always take my kids and nephew back in his timber every Good Friday for an Easter egg hunt. I met up with Kay on the road not so very long ago. We both pulled over and started talking on how our families were doing, how farming has changed so much, and other things going on in this crazy world we live in. I thanked him and the boys for the conservation practices and farming methods they practiced and being good stewards of the land. I am glad we pulled over instead of just waving and driving by. Kay has been a cornerstone in our neighborhood. I will miss his smile and caring optimism very much. I have been blessed as many of us has, having the opportunity of knowing Kay and the entire Hedge family.

Gary and Sandy Steele and family

Gary Steele - November 01, 2016 at 11:38 AM



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October 30, 2016 at 10:50 PM

SD

“ So sorry to hear of Kay's passing. I'm sorry that I won't be able to extend my condolences in person as I'll be out of town. Kay was always such a personable person when you saw him always had something to share with you--enjoyed his drop-in times at coffee. I was so pleased when he spoke at Ruth's funeral. He will be greatly missed by the whole Fremont community. Hugs and prayers go out to all of you doing this time of sorrow.

Susan Dinsmore - October 30, 2016 at 10:51 AM

KM

“ We've known the Hedges for years and attended the Fremont UMC with Kay and Alleen for many years. We are terribly saddened to hear of Kay's passing. He was an amazing person on so many levels. Gentle, kind, compassionate, exceptionally intelligent, and understanding. We will miss him and all the many contributions he made in his long and industrious lifetime. Hugs to Kay, Kim, Kevin, and Mark and their spouses and grands and great grands...we know a big hole is left for you as his beloved family. RIP Kay,



Kelly & Nancy Montgomery - October 29, 2016 at 10:57 PM

KM

I meant to say "Hugs to ALLEEN and the rest of the family" Still in shock here...

Kelly & Nancy Montgomery - October 29, 2016 at 11:07 PM

BL

To Kim and family, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and family. Your father was a good and kind man. God Be with you, Bud & Marilyn Lane

Bud Lane - October 30, 2016 at 08:37 AM

MB

A great loss and prayers to the family.

Michael Beaver - October 30, 2016 at 08:52 AM

KR

Alleen, we're very sorry to hear of Kay's death. I only I had a casual acquaintance with him until the last few years, but more recently have had the opportunity to know both of you much better. Then the two of you became a great inspiration to me! You both are well remembered and greatly respected at the Iowa Capitol. May God give you and your family a "peace that passes understanding" in the days ahead.

Ken Rozenboom - October 30, 2016 at 12:01 PM

PP

Rich and I were very sorry to hear about Kay's passing. A highlight for Rich was when Kay invited him to give the prayer at the Iowa Senate. We so enjoyed seeing you at Annual Conference and just last spring in Sigourney. He will be missed by all. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead through your friends and our God.

Pastor Rich & Diane Pippert - October 31, 2016 at 11:33 PM

TG

I am so sorry to hear of Kay's passing. My condolences to the entire Hedge family. I have such wonderful childhood memories from when my grandparents lived on the farm, our family always referred to as "Kay's place". Kay was so good to my grandparents. Peace by with you.

Tina Clark Gallagher - November 02, 2016 at 01:38 PM

JW

Kim, Charlie and family, so sorry for your loss. Kim, I remember how much you loved and honored your father, Kay. He truly was a great man. My prayers and hugs are with you tonight, may you be wrapped in Jesus comforting love and peace. Janet Wiley-Stichter

Janet Wiley-Stichter - November 04, 2016 at 11:24 PM

LB

Condolences to Alleen, Kim, Charlie, and their families. It was a real honor to have known Kay, and to visit with him over the years as we crossed paths in Farm Bureau and when we visited the Iowa Legislature and the State Fair. We will always remember him as a great quiet leader that we would aspire to be like. God Bless. Larry & Nancy Beyer.

Larry&Nancy Beyer - November 06, 2016 at 08:33 AM