

# Former Rep. for Shelby County Jack Drake dies

**REGIONAL** -- Iowa State Representative Jack Drake (R-Griswold) died Sunday, Oct. 11 at Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic. He was 81.

Drake, who lived in Griswold, was the longest-tenured Republican in the Iowa House, and served the 21st district in southwest Iowa, which is comprised of eastern Pottawattamie County, much of Cass County, and Adams and Union Counties. Drake served Shelby County in districts 81 and 57 for 20 years from 1993-2013 before re-districting moved his area south.

Drake was chairman of the finance committee and served on the audit committee in the Iowa House. He also was board secretary of the Walnut Telephone Company, and was an active member of the Corn Growers Association, Soybean Association, NFIB and Iowa Farm Bureau. He was a former board member of the Pottawattamie County Zoning Board, was former president of the Pottawattamie County Farm Bureau, was former president of the East Pottawattamie County Farm Bureau, former president of the Pottawattamie County Extension Council, and was actively involved in 4-H.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Griswold United Method-



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ist Church with burial in the Griswold Cemetery. Duhn Funeral Home in Griswold was in charge of arrangements.

Rep. Linda Upmeyer (R-Clear Lake) said in a statement Monday, "We are all saddened to hear the news, but we will remember Jack as a strong advocate for his constituents, serving them honorably for nearly 23 years.

"During his time in the Iowa House, Jack was a leader and trusted resource on agricultural issues, which are so important to the State of Iowa."

Jeff Kaufmann, a former House member and chairman of Iowa's Republican Party, also issued a statement, saying, "I had the honor of sitting beside Jack in the Iowa House, and I learned he was a man of great integrity and a strong advocate for Iowa agriculture. I will miss him, the Iowa House will miss him, and our great state will miss his capable and steady hands."

Drake and his wife, Shirley, have four children, 11 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

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