

## Bernard Pedersen

Illinois state Rep. Bernard E. Pedersen, 71, of Palatine, Ill., a native of Grinnell, has died.

The Illinois House of Representatives passed a resolution eulogizing him on Nov. 19.

He was born in Grinnell Nov. 24, 1925, the son of Hattie and Edwin Pedersen. He was a 1943 graduate of Grinnell High School and earned his B.A. degree from Grinnell College.

Mr. Pedersen served with the U.S. Army during World War II and received the Purple Heart. He was the owner of Pedersen Insurance Agency in Palatine and formerly served as Palatine Republican township committeeman and township assessor.

He was elected to the 54th District House seat in 1982 and served from the 83rd through 90th General Assemblies.

In 1995, he was named Legislator of the Year by the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Surviving are one daughter, Christine of Hoffman Estates, Ill.; two sons, Edwin of Lake Zurich, Ill., and Andrew of Cary, Ill.; and two brothers, Mark of Wheaton, Ill., and Peter of Loveland, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia, and his parents.