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DEATH John Franklin Dale

Stromsburg resident, 85

85, of Stromsburg, passed Dubas Funeral Home of Richmond, Va. John served ters, Esther (Steve) Scaraway March 6, 2018 at Stromsburg and Osceola for 40 years in the ministry York General Hospital in have been entrusted with York, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 9, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the to Franklin and Gladys United Methodist Church in Stromsburg with Pastor 1955 he was united in mar-Dan Spearow, Pastor Art riage to Jean Esther Kend-Phillips and Pastor Tamara all in Danville, Ill. To this Holtz officiating. Visitation will be held one hour born. prior to the service at the church. Graveside services will be held Friday, March ing his degree in 1956. In 9 at 2 p.m. at the Kear- 1979 he attained his Docney Cemetery with Pastor torates degree in Ministry

John Franklin Dale, age Robert Perry officiating, from Bethany College in Stromsburg; three daugharrangements.

John was born July 26, 1932 in Peoria, Ill. (Clark) Dale. On May 28, union four children were

He studied at Boston School of Theology receivserving churches in Vermont, Illinois, Colorado and Nebraska, retiring in June of 1995.

He was involved in Lions Club, serving as past District Governor, a 60 year member of Masonic Lodge belonging to York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shrine. He was also a member of Rotary and was a Paul Harris Fellow.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Esther of pello of Omaha, Barbara (Jeff) Wild of Papillion and Julia (Mike) Tye of Kearney; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren; other relatives and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his son Arthur and his parents.

Memorials are suggested to The Paul Harris Rotary Foundation, Friends Meeting Committee Heifer International.

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Former Gov. Charles Thone dies at 94

former Nebraska governor and congressman who helped investigate the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., died Wednesday at the age of 94.

A Hartington native, Thone — known to Nebraskans as "Charley" — died of natural causes at 4:15 p.m. at his home in Lincoln, said Mark Schorr, his longtime friend and law partner. Thone had spent the last few weeks in hospice care.

Thone, a Republican, represented Nebraska's 1st Congressional District from 1971 to 1979. He served one term as governor, from 1979 to 1983, but lost his 1982 re-election bid to Democrat Bob Kerrey.

In Congress, Thone served on the House Select Committee on Assassinations that looked into the deaths of Kennedy and King. He concluded there was no evidence that Kennedy's death was part of a conspiracy.

SCHORR said that, as governor, Thone was particularly proud of his efforts to fund the University of Nebraska, which he viewed as one of the state's greatest assets. He said Thone always wanted to "do good for the state."

"Charley had a very big heart — people always talked about how big his heart was," Schorr said.

Thone focused heavily on fiscal restraint, arguing in his 1980 State of the State address that "people want less government" and fewer laws.

"There are those who only lately have come to realize that the resources of state state, and engaged everyone he met with

those who have only recently come to rec- braska Secretary of State John Gale. ognize that there are limits not alone on our resources but on what government can effectively do," he was quoted as saying.

This philosophy would underlie his approach to running state government throughout his administration.

But even while placing a focus on fiscal restraint, Thone identified several priorities which he consistently worked to achieve.

Following an international trade mission, he proposed trade offices in Tokyo and Frankfurt to help elevate Nebraska's international profile. And in the opening years of Thone's governorship, biofuels experienced a period of significant growth, and he supported further growth by utilizing biofuels in state vehicles.

In 1979, he vetoed an attempt by lawmakers to abolish the death penalty.

During his years as governor, Thone made friends — and strong allies — with a group of state senators who also were politically conservative. The group — known as "Thone's clones" — included former Sens. Elroy Hefner of Coleridge and Richard Peterson of Norfolk.

Thone returned to private life after his tenure as governor, and continued to work as an attorney in Lincoln. In 2010, he led a coalition of governors to persuade voters to reject a ballot measure that would have eliminated the Nebraska state treasurer's office. The measure failed.

"He had friends in every corner of the

LINCOLN (AP) — Charles Thone, the government are limited, and there are warmth, respect and good humor," said Ne-

THONE was born on Jan. 4, 1924, and grew up on a 400-acre farm near Hartington in Cedar County, where his family raised cattle, corn and hogs. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army infantry during World War II, and went on to graduate from the University of Nebraska's law school in 1950.

Before he reached public office, Thone served as the Nebraska Republican Party's state chairman. He held to his conservative beliefs throughout his life, but voiced concerns about the country's partisan divide in his later years.

Thone is survived by his wife, former first lady Ruth Thone, and three daughters, Marie, Amy and Anna.

Thone was a former president of Lincoln Rotary, a past president of the National Conference Bar Foundation, former vice president of the Council of State Governments, former American Legion commander in Lincoln, past Lincoln Chamber of Commerce board chairman as well as a Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 member and Veterans of Foreign Wars (Hartington) member.

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FORMER NEBRASKA GOVERNOR Charles Thone enjoys his wifes prose in her second-floor writing sanctuary in 1992. The couple met when Mrs. Thone interviewed her future husband for her college newspaper. Thone, who served as governor from 1979 to 1983, died Wednesday at the age of 94.

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Raimondo is Rotary Student of Month

COLUMBUS - Natalie Raimondo, a senior at Columbus High School and daughter of Mary and Phil Raimondo, has been chosen as the Rotary Student of the Month. Raimondo is a member of the National Honor Society and the student council. She has earned letters in vocal music (New World Singers), CHS Theatre, and cheerleading. She is also involved in Revolution and is the Tri-M president. Other activities include Godparents, duck sales for United Way, and danceing at Lynette's. Her hobbies include singing, dancing, playing the piano and working at Fr. Price Daycare. Her future plans include attending UNL with a major in nutritional sciences and a minor in music.

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