

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Memorial Service
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Memorial to: Joseph Gimpl
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It is an honor for me today to pay tribute to the memory of Joe Gimpl who served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1960 until 1970.

Mr. Gimpl was born January 17, 1904 at Hinckley, Minnesota, to Joseph and Margaret Gimpl and was a Hinckley area resident most of his life. His birthplace was a log cabin on his parent's farm and he was often known as "Pine County's Abe Lincoln" when he became a legislator. He married Margaret Krantz of Hinckley on June 26, 1930 and they had three sons.

Mr. Gimpl was associated with his brother Henry in a General Merchandise Store at Bennet, Wisconsin and Duluth for several years before returning to Hinckley to manage the local Russell Creamery Plant. After farming with his father for about 20 years, he was employed at Gimpl's Fairway Store.

He served as Treasurer of the Hinckley Board of Education for several years, was active in the Chamber of Commerce and the Knights of Columbus.

He was elected to the Minnesota Legislature in 1960 from Pine County and later Kanabec County was added to his district. A new Committee on Natural Resources and Recreation was created in 1963 and Mr. Gimpl was appointed Chairman and became noted for his interest and active work in Natural Resources. He served on this committee until he retired from the Legislature in 1970. He also served in the areas of Appropriations, Education and Conservation.

Mr. Gimpl passed away on March 23, 1973, following several months of failing health. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; three sons, Jerry of Grand Rapids, David of Forest Lake, Michael of Miami, Florida; four grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Paul Krantz.

"When sorrow comes, as come it must,
In God a man must place his trust.
When all the wealth which he may own
He cannot meet the test alone,
And only he may stand serene.
Who has a faith on which to lean."