



Iowan of the Day

Previous Winners 1997-2025

1997

Donald Lamberti, Ankeny
Claude Ahrens, Grinnell
Judy Badder, Lamoni
Veronica Ballard, Floyd
Charlie Becker, Monticello
Ron Drake, Red Oak
Marcella Howe, Creston
William Knapp, Van Meter
Jean Marquart, Lincoln
Roger Neville, Odebolt

1998

Elizabeth Andre, Ames
Betty Brotherton, Wall Lake
Craig Foss, Fairfield
Jean Klingaman, Waterloo
George Mathews, Mason City
Gene Powers, Des Moines
John Ruan, Des Moines
Alan Rusk, Bedford
James Sauter, North English
Jan Winslow, Corydon

1999

Ron Corbett, Cedar Rapids
Raymond Butt, Lewis
Leigh & Dorothy Curran, Mason City
Dennis Gienger, Gladbrook
Barbara Hannon, Bedford
Gib McConnell, Indianola
Bob Reed, Albia
Natalie Spoo, Glenwood
Jane Tornblom, Dubuque
Kris Young, Runnells

2000

Bernard Casebolt, Waverly
Tom Farner, Carroll
Mary Kruse, Sibley
Charles Manders, Ellston
Dwayne McAninch, West Des Moines
Mark Pearson, Winterset
Ruth Piper, Eldora
Devin Rowling, Des Moines
Tommy Thompson, Marshalltown
Rev. Steven Williams, Nevada

2001

Therese Cummisky, Fairfield
Sue Breitung, Armstrong
Alberta Foster, Greenfield
Donald Gibson, Wall Lake
Bryan & Jill Hoben, Wapello
Richard Jacobson, Des Moines
Nancy Jensen, Clarksville
Harold Kienapfel, Carroll
Arlene Sobotka, Diagonal
Jeanne Wheeler, Des Moines

2002

Marilyn Adams, Earlham
Jacky Adams, Red Oak
Michael Bearden, Gladbrook
Jerry Grady, Des Moines
Armetta Keeney, Carlisle
Patty McGillin, Coralville
John Milnes, Sumner
Ryan Schreck, Carroll
Jack Stickrod, Wall Lake
Mike & Pam Whitters, Clarion

2003

Darrell Carson, Murray
LeRoy & Freda Dammann, Manning
Amber Deere, Bettendorf
John Jensen, Plainfield
David Martin, Carroll
Betty Nielson, Fonda
Marion Patience, Earlham
Kay Robinson, Indianola
Jim Sanders, Johnston
Susan Knapp, Van Meter

2004

Nancy Ahlstrom, Clarion
Neil Aupperle, Anita
Regina Broghammer, Decorah
Charles & Louise Dukes, Bedford
Janis Kazimour, Cedar Rapids
Colleen Putnam, Albia
Vaughn Seckington, Creston
Charley Starnes, West Des Moines
Sandy Sunde, Estherville
David Trask, Winterset

2005

Juanita Andersen, New Hampton
Lynn & Marilyn Benson, Sidney
Sandy Berndt, Buckeye
Shirley Bohr, Wellman
William Gode, Corydon
Alan & Melinda Huisinga, Carlisle
Paul Kuhlmann, Denison
Harold Schnell, Terril
Jeanne Paustian, Gladbrook
Kay & Holly Wagner, Danville

2006

Duane Asbe, Clarion
Shelly Bentley, Diagonal
Ann Crawford, Onawa
Jan Espy, Fairfield
Mary Foell, Schaller
Charles & Jennifer Graf, Clinton
Lorna Grow, Dallas Center
Shiela Kielly, Marshalltown
Loring Miller, Leon
Nona Sawyer, Waukon

2007

Larry Petersen, George
Merlynn "Sam" Miller, Sheldon
Rick Trotter, Fairbank
Bill Tessau, Gladbrook
Lois Vermeer, Pella
James F. Lucas, Bedford
Gene Nichols, Clarion
Gina Spohnheimer, Ellsworth
Ronald & Margaret Kenyon, Urbandale
Bill Campfield, Ankeny

2008

Robert Barnes, Letts
Ben Caplan, Alden
Roger White, Waverly
Davin Dickerson, Neola
Joe Harper, Colo
Jan Worthan, Storm Lake
Margo Fox, Johnston
James Kimball, Osceola
Denny & Candy Elwell, West Des Moines
Anne Morgan, Bloomfield

2009

Lori Sherling, Estherville
Gary Cheney, Waukee
Susan Shierholz, Ames
Sally Briggs, Coralville
William Marner, Chariton
Mary Lou Aspengren, Des Moines
Rob Wohler, Iowa Falls
Patty & Jim Cownie, Des Moines
Michael Sadler, Urbandale
Ron Elliott, Mindon

2010

Karen Weld, Clarion
Gerald Inman, Mechanicsville
Helen & Floyd Deets, Des Moines
Phyllis L. Stineman, Grandview
Doug Carpenter, Coon Rapids
Mathew Taper, Grimes
Gerald Forristall, Treynor
Mary Ellen Kimball, Osceola
Frank Strain, Sac City
Alfred Janssen, Waverly

2011

Lousie Unkrich, Swedesburg
Robert Smith, Sidney
Pauline Flamme, Gladbrook
Julie Beitelspacher, LeMars
John Rains, Urbandale
Ruby Bentley, Macedonia
Milton Menefee, Denver
Mickey Thomas, Osceola
Bill Forbes, Correctionville
Leo Chisholm, Osage

2012

Esther Bielema, Wall Lake
Jeralyn Westercamp, Cedar Rapids
Troyce Vich, Waterloo
Janet Reynolds, Sioux City
Lila Bubke, Schleswig
Mary Maybee, Boone
Jim Gronbach, Dakota City
Ken Peterson, Council Bluffs
Garland Fickess, Bedford
Suzie Glazer Burt, Des Moines

2013

Jack Finneseth, Jefferson
Beth Titman, Boone
Ellen Lemke, Bedford
Dean Kluss, Clarion
Sharon Juon, Waterloo
Steve Leinen, Panama
Paul Venner, Breda
Shirley Stout Frederiksen, Chariton
Cole Mace, Estherville
Keith Sash, Gladbrook

2014

Wilbur Cordes, Allison
Governor Robert Ray, Des Moines
Merlyn Feddersen, Hartley
Bob Norris, Shenandoah
Karen Spurgeon, Bloomfield
Cecil Rueter, Grand Junction
Joan Allsup, Mitchellville
Don Hinners, Carroll
Devere Ganzer, Grand Mound
Marybeth Jaggard, Oelwein

2015

Elaine Bohling, Greenfield
Dennis Carlson, Hampton
Caroline Lehman, New London
Bret Mace, Estherville
Steven Palmer, Urbandale
Jary Quandt, Westside
Mike Quinlan, Iowa City
John and Janis Ruan, Des Moines
Richard and Juanita Schillig, Bettendorf
Shawn Tait, Exline

2016

Curt Schwanebeck, Knoxville
Aubrey LaFoy, Arnolds Park
Bob Clark, West Des Moines
Cheryl Wessels, Anita
Edna Schrandt, Decorah
Richard Vorthmann, Treynor
Rosemary Beach, Cedar Falls
Steve Smith, Algona
Willard Larsen, Camanche
Randy Duncan, Des Moines

2017

Carolyn Scott, Bloomfield
Shirley Geadelmann, Clarence
Donald Bries, Dubuque
Ron Bell, Mondamin
Marian McQuaid, Guthrie Center
Patricia Nelson, Winterset
Mary Doak, Grundy Center
Marty Braster, Centerville
Chris Fox, Johnston
Bernard Becker, Lakota

2018

Deb Kusters, Sibley
Keith Carlson, Stratford
Vilas "Sid" Morris, Cedar Falls
Howard Hammond, Slater
Gary Fulton, Marshalltown
Brenda Lee Larkey, Low Moor
Gayle Bortz, Chariton
Ralph Hodson, Ackworth
Ron Hunderdosse, Fairfield
Sheri Horner, West Des Moines



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2024

Marilyn Sokol, Belle Plaine
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John Klein, Treynor
Crystal James, Ottumwa
Tate Giesemann, Bellevue
Rodd Holtkamp, Primghar
Elaine Graham Estes, Des Moines
Kendall Pals, Algona

2025

Brenda DeVore, Promise City
Emily Grell, Danbury
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Donna Koch, Cedar Rapids
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Donna Brown, Cedar Falls
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