

Legislators Who Died While in Office

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10842 Adams, Charles Edward

S 1915-1936 (57)

Day of Death 10/06 **Year of Death** 1936 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He moved to North Dakota with his parents when he was fifteen years old. He moved to Duluth, Minnesota in 1900.*

He became Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota when William Ignatius Nolan was elected to the United States House of Representatives.

He was a member of the Republican Party.

He played quarterback and halfback on the University of Minnesota's football team, 1893-1895.

He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Religion provided by the Journal of the Minnesota Senate, March 18, 1937, p. 660.

He died while in office.

10992 Anderson, William Brown

H 1901-02; H 1905-06 (2); S 1927-40 (33)

Day of Death 09/26 **Year of Death** 1940 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was of Scotch-Irish descent.*

He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

He died in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Religion provided by the Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1941. He was raised in the stern Scotch Coverters faith. (Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1941)

In 1906 he moved to Minneapolis.

He died while in office on September 26, 1940.

11135 Bares, Raymond H.

S 1963-64 (27)

Day of Death 04/27 **Year of Death** 1964 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office on April 27, 1964.

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11307 Bonniwell, Harlow H.

S 1915-35 (22)

Day of Death 04/28 **Year of Death** 1935 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He moved to Hutchinson, Minnesota in the spring of 1866 with his parents.*

He died in a hospital and was buried in Oakland Cemetery, in Hutchinson, Minnesota.

He died while in office on April 28, 1935.

11433 Brooks, William F.

S 1919-28 (31)

Day of Death 03/19 **Year of Death** 1928 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was a member of the Republican Party.*

He moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1875 with his family.

He died while in office.

11507 Burnap, Alvarez M.

H 1939-48 (1)

Day of Death 02/15 **Year of Death** 1948 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was born on a farm.*

He died while in office on February 15, 1948..

11526 Butler, Gordon H.

S 1951-62 (57); S 1963-64 (61)

Day of Death 08/01 **Year of Death** 1964 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *Religion provided by the Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1951.*

He died while in office.

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11573 Carley, James A.

H 1909-10 (3); S 1915-30 (3); S 1935-52 (3)

Day of Death 05/14 **Year of Death** 1952 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *Toensing identifies his birth year as 1870 but other sources list June 17, 1869.*

He was a member of the Democratic Party.

"The land for [Carley State] park was donated to the State of Minnesota in 1948 by State Senator James A. Carley and the Ernestina Bolt family in hopes of preserving an outstanding grove of native white pines." (Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Web site)

He died while in office on May 14, 1952.

11587 Carr, Homer M.

H 1933-34 (59); S 1935-64 (59)

Day of Death 02/19 **Year of Death** 1964 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *The Minnesota Legislative Manuals, 1961-62, and 1963-64 lists his birth year as 1892. Toensing and MHS Death Certificates Index list 1887.*

He moved to St. Louis County, Minnesota in 1902.

He was a Disabled American Veteran.

He was a member of the Farmer-Labor Party.

"He was held in such high esteem that the Conservatives appointed him, a Liberal, chairman of the Senate Finance Subcommittee to study claims against the state." (Minnesota Senate Journal, March 31, 1965)

He died while in office on February 19, 1964.

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11630 Child, Fay George

S 1951-62 (24); S 1963-65 (22)

Day of Death 04/02 **Year of Death** 1965 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *Senator Child died while in office. A tribute to him stated, "his last moment was spent in a Senate committee, speaking on an issue of fundamental importance defining his position and taking his stand. He collapsed before his speech was completed and he was dead before he arrived at the hospital."*

The essay goes on to say that "the state of Minnesota paid special tribute to him by having his body lie in state in the rotunda of the Capitol." (Minnesota Legislative Manual 1965-1966)

A Star Tribune article from 2001 stated, "He was a Farmer-Labor activist early in life but was a member of the Conservative caucus as a senator." (Star Tribune, March 18, 2001)

11647 Christenson, Hans Peter

H 1925-29 (4)

Day of Death 11/23 **Year of Death** 1929 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He came to the Dodge County, Minnesota in the spring of 1882. He moved to Olmsted County, Minnesota in the fall of 1883.*

He was a member of the Republican Party.

He died in Olmsted County, Minnesota.

He died while in office.

11655 Christie, Thomas N.

H 1947-52 (30); H 1955-60 (30)

Day of Death 05/25 **Year of Death** 1959 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was a member of the Minnesota United Nations Committee.*

He died while in office on May 25, 1959 during the 1959 Special Session.

11752 Cole, Claude Lynn

S 1943-48 (47)

Day of Death 12/11 **Year of Death** 1947 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was adopted by his uncle, Alonzo B. Cole.*

He died in Douglas County, Minnesota.

He died while in office on December 11, 1947.

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11760 Collester, Eugene Belnap

S 1895-98 (11); S 1903-06 (10); S 1915 (16)

Day of Death 09/04 **Year of Death** 1915 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He moved to Waseca, Minnesota in 1880.*
He died at his home in Waseca, Minnesota.
He died while in office on September 4, 1915.

11787 Conroy, Martin J.

S 1919-24 (41)

Day of Death 10/11 **Year of Death** 1924 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He came to St. Paul, Minnesota in the spring of 1882 with his parents.*
He died while in office on October 11, 1924.

11799 Cooper, M. L.

H 1873 (1)

Day of Death 01/25 **Year of Death** 1873 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He died while in office.*
He was educated at Menia Seminary but it is unclear whether it is a secondary or postsecondary institution. (Fifteenth Legislature of Minnesota: Biographical Sketches, St. Paul: Press Printing Company, 1873)
He settled in Minnesota in 1863. (Fifteenth Legislature of Minnesota: Biographical Sketches, St. Paul: Press Printing Company, 1873)
He died in office two and a half weeks after the start of the legislative session. "Mr. Cooper died at St. Joseph Hospital, St Paul of pneumonia. His body was forwarded to relatives in Poughkeepsie, New York." (Fifteenth Legislature of Minnesota: Biographical Sketches, St. Paul: Press Printing Company, 1873)

12433 Dahle, Clarence A.

H 1933-36 (57); S 1937-49 (57)

Day of Death 07/26 **Year of Death** 1949 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes
He died while in office.

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12462 Dare, Farley Allen

H 1915-17 (52)

Day of Death 08/29 **Year of Death** 1917 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He moved to Walker, Minnesota around 1907.*

He died in Cass County, Minnesota.

He died while in office on August 29, 1917.

12496 Day, Frank Arah

H 1878 (38); S 1887-95 (6); S 1897 (6); S 1927-28 (9)

Day of Death 12/27 **Year of Death** 1928 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *1855 is also listed as his birth year. (MHS Governors of Minnesota)*

He was born on a farm.

A special election was held on November 3, 1896 for the Minnesota Senate seat which was considered vacant when he assumed the duties of the Lieutenant Governor on January 31, 1895. It was won by Howard H. Dunn. When the Legislature reconvened on January 5, 1897 Sen. Day and Sen. Dunn both claimed the seat. Sen. Day is listed in the Journal of the Senate as holding the seat until a determination was made on January 23, 1897 that Sen. Dunn had been duly elected and was entitled to the seat.

He served nearly 3 terms as Secretary to Governor Johnson.

He was listed as "politically a free lance." (The Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1927)

His funeral was held in Fairmont, Minnesota.

He died while in office.

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12527 Denegre, James Denis

S 1911-14 (36); S 1915-26 (40)

Day of Death 12/30 **Year of Death** 1926 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.*

He was a prominent Mason. He was a member of the Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 of St. Paul, and Summit Chapter No. 45. He was a Knight Templar in Paladin Commandery No. 21. He was a Potentate of Osman Temple. He was a member of the Red Cross of Constantine and a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. He was a member and Council Commander of the Woodmen of the World order.

He died in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Religion provide by the Minnesota Journal of the Senate, March 17, 1927, p. 585.

He died while in office on December 30, 1926. He won the November 1926 election but died before he was sworn in.

12618 Duemke, Lewis

H 1923-26 (29); S 1927-32 (29)

Day of Death 11/19 **Year of Death** 1932 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *The Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1923 lists his birth year as 1885. Toensing, the Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1927 and the Minnesota Journal of the Senate, February 14, 1933, p. 358 list 1887.*

He was born and raised on a farm.

He moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1903.

He was a member of the Republican Party.

He died at St. Andrew's Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Religion provided by the Minnesota Journal of the Senate, February 14, 1933, p. 359.

He died while in office.

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12636 Dunn, Robert C.

H 1889-90 (39); H 1893-94 (46); H 1911-14 (45); S 1915-18 (55)

Day of Death 10/28 **Year of Death** 1918 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes He settled in Minnesota in 1876.

He died in Mille Lacs County, Minnesota.

He died while in office on October 28, 1918.

12705 Emmons, Henry H.

H 1919-21 (6)

Day of Death 03/31 **Year of Death** 1921 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes His obituary states, "Mr. Emmons had been gravely ill for several months, but regardless of his physical condition he went to St. Paul and took up his duties as a legislator. He had pledged his constituency to vote for a tonnage tax and when the bill came up disregarded the commands of his physicians, arose from bed, dressed and went to the capitol. Friends provided him with a couch in the lobby where he lay until the vote was called . . . he took his place at his desk and registered his vote when his name was called. He immediately left the capitol and this was his last official act."

He died while in office on March 31, 1921.

12785 Felt, Reuben William

H 1947-49 (25)

Day of Death 06/12 **Year of Death** 1949 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office on June 12, 1949.

12795 Ferris, Allen F.

H 1895-98 (46); H 1899-1902 (48); S 1903-04 (48)

Day of Death 09/?? **Year of Death** 1903 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes He died while in office.

He came from New York to Brainerd, Minnesota when he was 7 years old, with his parents.

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12798 Fickling, William

S 1923-25 (17)

Day of Death 10/17 **Year of Death** 1925 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *The Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1925 lists his birth date as April 5, the Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1923, lists April 3.*

He moved to Canada in 1853 with his parents and came to Le Sueur County, Minnesota in 1857.

He died in Le Sueur County, Minnesota.

He died while in office on October 17, 1925.

12817 Fisher, William A.

H 1911 (40)

Day of Death 03/21 **Year of Death** 1911 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He moved to Minnesota in 1860 and settled in Hennepin County. He moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1874.*

He died while in office on March 21, 1911.

The book, The Minnesota Legislature of 1911 by Lynn Haines, states on page 104 about W. A. Fisher, "His illness and death during the session stopped a promising legislative career. Mr. Fisher was able to attend only the first few days of the session, but during that time impressed his progressiveness and patriotism upon all his colleagues. He introduced a number of reform measures of the deepest fundamental importance."

12899 French, Arthur B.

H 1895 (19)

Day of Death ??/?/? **Year of Death** 1895 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He settled in Minnesota in 1855. It appears he may have lived in Kasota (the Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1895 lists St. Peter as his post office).*

He died while in office (according to his great granddaughter).

His first name, birth date, death year, wife's name, marriage year, and children's names were provided by his great granddaughter.

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13028 Glende, Thore

H 1927-29 (50)

Day of Death 08/25 **Year of Death** 1929 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He came to Otter Tail County, Minnesota in 1871.*

He died while in office.

13088 Greene, Thomas J.

H 1909-14 (34); H1915-22 (37)

Day of Death ???/? **Year of Death** 1922 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was a member of the Republican Party.*

He died while in office in 1922. His term end date is uncertain since we do not know his death month and day. Around January 24, 1921 he's either listed as excused or not listed in the roll call in the Minnesota Journal of the House, 1921.

13092 Greer, Harry M.

H 1949 (1)

Day of Death 07/03 **Year of Death** 1949 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office on July 3, 1949. The Journal of the House from April 16, 1951 states he died in 1950.

13144 Hagen, Edward

H 1933-42 (24); S 1943-50 (24)

Day of Death 11/05 **Year of Death** 1950 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was the son of early pioneers.*

He was a Liberal.

He died while in office on November 5, 1950.

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13276 Headley, Lake

H 1939-47 (49)

Day of Death 07/04 **Year of Death** 1947 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He came to Minnesota in 1903.*

He worked for the Great Northern Railroad for 42 years.

He died while in office on July 4, 1947.

13372 Hofstad, Alvin O.

H 1951-62 (24)

Day of Death 11/14 **Year of Death** 1962 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office on November 14, 1962.

13394 Holm, Wilhelm

H 1943-54 (12)

Day of Death 12/11 **Year of Death** 1954 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office.

13412 Honeycutt, William E.

H 1943-45 (30)

Day of Death 02/26 **Year of Death** 1945 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office on February 26, 1945.

13454 Hughes, Ben D.

H 1941-47 (8)

Day of Death 04/04 **Year of Death** 1947 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He moved to Minnesota in 1888.*

He died while in office.

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10917 Illsley, Ralph H.

H 1945-52 (18)

Day of Death 10/15 **Year of Death** 1952 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes He died in Dakota County, Minnesota. He was killed in a car accident on Highway 3 in Rosemount, Minnesota while he was traveling home from work at the Minnesota Capitol complex.

Family data and cause of death provided by his granddaughter.

He died while in office on October 15, 1952. He was killed in a car accident on Highway 3 in Rosemount, Minnesota while he was traveling home from work at the Minnesota Capitol complex.

12340 Johnson, Emanuel

H 1923-25 (37)

Day of Death 09/08 **Year of Death** 1925 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes Toensing lists his birth year as 1854, *The Minnesota Journal of the House*, February 28, 1927 lists 1856.

He moved to St. Paul, Minnesota in 1872.

He came down with pneumania and died suddenly in St. Paul, Minnesota.

He died while in office on September 8, 1925.

12346 Johnson, Frank B.

H 1947-49 (53)

Day of Death 02/05 **Year of Death** 1949 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office on February 5, 1949.

10289 Johnson, Janet B.

S 1991-92 (19); S 1993-99 (18)

Day of Death 08/21 **Year of Death** 1999 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *Special Legislative Concerns: education, environment, human services, rural development.*

She died while in office on August 21, 1999 from a brain tumor.

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12379 Johnson, Robert G.

S 1967-69 (23)

Day of Death 04/07 **Year of Death** 1969 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office.

12124 Kelly, John

H 1919-23 (27)

Day of Death ???/? **Year of Death** 1923 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He came to St. Paul, Minnesota in 1857, then moved to Wright County, Minnesota in 1861.*

Toensing lists his birth year as 1851, The Minnesota Legislative Manuals, 1919 and 1923 list 1853.

His term end date is uncertain since we do not know his actual death date. He's listed in the Minnesota Journal of the House on the last day of session, April 19, 1923, so we know he died after that date. He died while in office in 1923.

12165 Kingsley, Burton L.

H 1919-20 (29); H 1931-34 (29); S 1935-44 (29)

Day of Death 02/16 **Year of Death** 1944 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was honorably discharged from the United States Army Guard due to a physical disability.*

He died in the hospital at the University of Minnesota.

Religion provided by the Minnesota Journal of the Senate, 4/11/1945, p. 1180.

He died while in office.

12197 Knudsen, Anthony Carl

H 1923-31 (10)

Day of Death 05/20 **Year of Death** 1931 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was a member of the Republican Party.*

He moved to the United States when he was 16 years old. He moved to Cottonwood County, Minnesota in 1898.

He died in Cottonwood County, Minnesota.

He died while in office.

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13537 Larson, Henry Albert

S 1927-48 (1)

Day of Death 03/12 **Year of Death** 1948 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was born on a farm.*

He was of Norwegian ancestry.

He was a member of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church at Preston.

He died in Tulsa, Oklahoma while on vacation.

Religion provided by the Minnesota Journal of the House, April 8, 1949, p. 1691.

He died while in office on March 12, 1948.

10374 Lewis, B. Robert

S 1973-79 (41)

Day of Death 04/25 **Year of Death** 1979 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *Special Legislative Concerns: health, welfare and corrections; education; finance.*

He was the first known African American to serve in the Minnesota Senate. The first known African American to serve in the Minnesota Legislature was John Frances "Frank" Wheaton in 1899.

He was a member of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party.

Religion provided by the Catholic Bulletin, 3/21/1975.

He died while in office of a heart attack on April 25, 1979.

He was an ex officio member of the Joint Agriculture and Natural Resources/Health, Welfare and Corrections Committee's Nutrition Subcommittee.

13626 Lewis, J. L.

H 1873 (20); H 1878 (20)

Day of Death ??/?? **Year of Death** 1878 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He died while in office.*

The Fifteenth Legislature of Minnesota: Biographical Sketches, St. Paul: Press Printing Company, 1873 lists his birth year as 1822. Toensing lists 1812.

He moved to the Rocky Mountains and worked in the mines for two years. He moved to Mendota, Minnesota in 1868.

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13704 Lowe, Thomas

H 1937-39 (12)

Day of Death 03/12 **Year of Death** 1939 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was raised on a farm in Iowa.*

He moved to Minnesota in 1877.

He died in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

He died while in office.

13808 MacKenzie, Claude H.

S 1923-36 (15)

Day of Death 04/11 **Year of Death** 1936 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was born on a farm.*

He moved to Gaylord, Minnesota in 1886.

He was a member of the Republican Party.

His dad, George Allison McKenzie, is listed with a variant spelling of the last name.

He died while in office.

13861 Madigan, James E.

H 1915-18 (27); S 1919-28 (27)

Day of Death 05/09 **Year of Death** 1928 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He died in Wright County, Minnesota.*

He died while in office.

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13780 McGill, Andrew Ryan

S 1899-1905 (37)

Day of Death 10/13 **Year of Death** 1905 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *St. Paul is also listed as a city of residence. (Toensing)*

He was of English and Irish ancestry.

He moved to Minnesota on June 10, 1861.

He was disabled and given a disability discharge from the military in 1863.

The Minnesota Historical Society's Governors of Minnesota database lists his death date as October 13, the Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1911, p. 92 lists October 31.

It appears he died while in office.

He died in St. Paul, Minnesota.

13850 McNulty, John J.

H 1929-47 (28)

Day of Death 02/10 **Year of Death** 1947 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *Toensing lists his birth year as 1883. The Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1947 lists 1881. The Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1929 says born and resided in the district since 1883.*

The oath of office was administered to him at the University Hospital. He died while in office.

13654 Miller, Archie H.

S 1931-1943 (36); S 1945-1958 (36)

Day of Death 02/11 **Year of Death** 1958 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was a member of the Republican Party.*

He died in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

He died while in office on February 11, 1958.

13976 Miller, Charles H.

H 1963-64 (3); H 1967-71 (2B)

Day of Death 04/01 **Year of Death** 1971 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office on April 1, 1971.

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13979 Miller, Frederick Joseph

S 1935-40 (53)

Day of Death 08/26 **Year of Death** 1940 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office.

14049 Morrison, Patrick W.

S 1931-35 (21)

Day of Death 08/12 **Year of Death** 1935 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was born and raised on a farm.*

He died at home in Carver County, Minnesota.

He was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican Party nomination for the United States Congress in 1902.

He died while in office.

10443 Munger, Willard M.

H 1955-64 (59); H 1967-72 (59B); H 1973-99 (7A)

Day of Death 07/11 **Year of Death** 1999 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was the longest serving member of the Minnesota House of Representatives at 42 years, 7 months plus. The record for the greatest number of years served overall for the Minnesota Legislature (both House and Senate service) is shared by Carl M. Iverson, and Anton J. Rockne at 44 years of service. (Donald O. Wright's length of service would be tied with them if his four month service as Lieutenant Governor in late 1954 was counted as legislative service.)*

He was a member of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party.

Religion provided by his obituary.

He died while in office of liver cancer at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth on July 11, 1999.

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14079 Murphy, Daniel D.

S 1933-44 (7)

Day of Death 12/03 **Year of Death** 1944 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was a member of the Democratic Party.*

He died in Blue Earth, Faribault County, Minnesota.

Religion provided by the Minnesota Journal of the Senate, April 11, 1945, p. 1192.

He died while in office.

13606 Naplin, Oscar A.

S 1919-22 (65); S 1927 (65)

Day of Death 01/15 **Year of Death** 1927 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He came to Minnesota in 1880 with his parents and was raised on a farm in Black River Township in northern Minnesota.*

He was a strong progressive in his political views.

He suffered a stroke/apoplexy on January 4, 1927, the day he was sworn in, and died on January 15, 1927 at Miller Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota. His funeral was held in Thief River Falls, Minnesota and he was buried in Black River Lutheran Cemetery in Wylie, Minnesota.

He was a member of Augustana Lutheran Church.

Religion provided by the Journal of the Minnesota Senate, March 17, 1927, p. 588.

He died while in office. He suffered a stroke/apoplexy on January 4, 1927, the day he was sworn in, and died on January 15, 1927 at Miller Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota.

14106 Naylor, Edwin Hunter

H 1923-29 (16)

Day of Death 11/05 **Year of Death** 1929 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was born on a farm.*

He was of Scottish and English ancestry.

He died in Steele County, Minnesota.

He died while in office on November 5, 1929.

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14132 Nelson, Karsten Olaf

H 1953-54 (49)

Day of Death 01/30 **Year of Death** 1954 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office.

14145 Nelson, Reuben N.

H 1957-62 (49); H 1963-66 (56)

Day of Death 03/02 **Year of Death** 1966 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office on March 2, 1966.

14151 Nelson, Will Newton

H 1939-53 (13)

Day of Death 07/25 **Year of Death** 1953 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He died in Lyon County, Minnesota.*

He died while in office.

14158 Neumeier, Karl G.

S 1935-50 (43)

Day of Death 10/30 **Year of Death** 1992 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *Senator Neumeier won a special election sometime between February 15, 1935 and March 15, 1935 to fill the seat of Senator George H. Sullivan (district 43) who died in office on February 15, 1935. He was sworn in on March 15, 1935,*

14165 Nicols, John

S 1864-65 (21); S 1872-73 (24)

Day of Death ??/?? **Year of Death** 1873 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He died while in office.*

Toensing lists 1811 as his birth year. The Fifteenth Legislature of Minnesota. St. Paul: Press Printing Company, 1873 lists 1817.

He came to St. Paul, Minnesota in 1855.

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14169 Nimocks, Frank E.

H 1907-10 (40); H 1913-14 (40); H 1915-25 (30)

Day of Death 03/01 **Year of Death** 1925 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *The Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1923 and 1925 list his birth year as 1865; Toensing lists 1856 (probably a typo).*

He moved to Minnesota in 1868.

He was employed on the staff of local papers in Minneapolis for two years.

He died in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

He died while in office on March 1, 1925.

14179 Nolan, William Asa

H 1901-10 (6); S 1919-22 (5)

Day of Death 06/28 **Year of Death** 1922 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He moved to Minnesota in 1867.*

He died in Olmsted County, Minnesota.

Toensing and the Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1921 list his birth year as 1862. The Minnesota Legislative Manuals, 1907, 1909 and 1919 list 1863.

He died while in office on June 28, 1922.

14187 Nord, Leonard H.

S 1915-21 (62)

Day of Death 03/05 **Year of Death** 1921 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He came to Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1884.*

He died while in office on March 5, 1921.

11096 Odenborg, S. C.

H 1939-45(48)

Day of Death 02/12 **Year of Death** 1945 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was born on a homestead where the Village of Wheaton became established.*

He died while in office on February 12, 1945.

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11382 O'Malley, Thomas Francis

H 1939-54 (58)

Day of Death 10/05 **Year of Death** 1954 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was a Progressive.*
He died while in office.

11400 Orr, Charles Noah

H 1911-14 (37); S 1915-49 (42)

Day of Death 01/10 **Year of Death** 1949 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was a member of the Republican Party.*
He was buried at Oakland Cemetery in St. Paul, Minnesota.
Religion provided by the Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1949.
He died while in office on January 10, 1949. He had a heart attack while driving his car to the Capitol.

14253 Patterson, L. D.

H 1861 (17)

Day of Death ??/?? **Year of Death** 1861 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He died while in office.*
He was one of the pioneers of Blue Earth County. (Warner, George E. History of Hennepin County and The City of Minneapolis, 1881. North Star Publishing, p. 611)

14261 Paulson, John Albin

H 1931-38 (37)

Day of Death 04/28 **Year of Death** 1938 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *Toensing lists his birth year as 1895. The Minnesota Legislative Manuals list 1894.*
He moved to St. Paul, Minnesota in 1896.
He died in Ramsey County, Minnesota.
He died while in office.

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14402 Popp, Harold R.

S 1959-62 (22); S 1963-66 (14); S 1967-69 (15)

Day of Death 02/21 **Year of Death** 1969 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was born on a farm.*

He died while in office on February 21, 1969. He was killed in a traffic accident.

14446 Putzier, Charles J.

S 1927-34 (26)

Day of Death 02/15 **Year of Death** 1934 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *"I am in favor of all progressive movements, but economy must not be forgotten." (Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1927, p. 478)*

He died while in office.

14519 Richardson, William Burdette

S 1927-45 (4)

Day of Death 09/19 **Year of Death** 1945 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *As the President Pro Tem of the Senate he became the Acting Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota from August 24, 1936 - January 1, 1937 when Governor Floyd B. Olson died and Lieutenant Governor Hjalmar Petersen became Governor. He was never officially sworn in as Lieutenant Governor.*

He was nominated and elected to "temporarily preside" over the Senate in 1937 since "Due to illness, the Lieutenant-Governor-Elect Gottfried [sic] Lindsten was unable to assume the duties of his office." (Journal of the Senate, Jan. 5, 1937, p. 3) It appears he was the Acting President the entire session. He was officially elected and sworn in as President Pro Tem on January 5, 1937. (Journal of the Senate, Jan. 5, 1937, p. 19-20)

He was a member of the Republican Party.

He died while in office on September 19, 1945.

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14534 Riley, Michael

H 1931-32 (45); H 1941 (45)

Day of Death 09/15 **Year of Death** 1941 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *Toensing lists his birth year as 1871; the Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1931 lists 1874; the Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1941 lists 1875.*

He died in Benton County, Minnesota.

He was from Gilmantown Township.

He died while in office.

14554 Robinson, John

H 1921 (3)

Day of Death 03/12 **Year of Death** 1921 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *Toensing lists his birth year as 1864. The Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1921 lists 1862.*

He was born on a farm.

He died in Wabasha County, Minnesota.

He died while in office on March 12, 1921.

14557 Rodenberg, George W.

H 1907-10 (33); H 1915-26 (41); H 1929-34 (41)

Day of Death 04/21 **Year of Death** 1934 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *The Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1915 lists his last name as Rodenburg. Toensing, the Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1907; and the Minnesota Journal of the House, 1915 list Rodenberg.*

He came to the United States in 1868. He moved to St. Paul, Minnesota in 1891.

He died while in office.

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14581 Rosenmeier, Christian

S 1923-32 (53)

Day of Death 06/03 **Year of Death** 1932 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He moved to Kandiyohi County, Minnesota in 1888 with his father.*

He died at his home in Little Falls, Minnesota.

He served as Senate Majority Leader. (Biography of Christian Rosenmeier, Minnesota Historical Society)

Religion provided by the Minnesota Journal of the Senate, February 14, 1933, p. 361.

He died while in office.

14636 Samec, Albert J.

H 1921-35 (39)

Day of Death 03/01 **Year of Death** 1935 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He came to Baltimore in 1884, then moved to St. Paul, Minnesota in 1885 with his parents.*

He died in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

He died while in office.

14698 Schwanke, Fred W.

H 1939-56 (53); H 1959-61 (53)

Day of Death 05/09 **Year of Death** 1961 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office on May 9, 1961.

14821 Sloan, Levi

TH 1854 (2)

Day of Death 11/22 **Year of Death** 1854 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He died while in office.*

He moved to St. Paul, Minnesota in the spring of 1849.

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14925 Steen, Henry

H 1913-18 (2); S 1927-28 (2)

Day of Death 07/27 **Year of Death** 1928 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes He came with his parents to Rushford, Minnesota in 1870. He moved to Winona in 1880.
He died while in office.

10635 Stokowski, Eugene E.

S 1973-79 (55)

Day of Death 08/01 **Year of Death** 1979 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes He was a member of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party.
He died while in office on August 1, 1979.

14992 Sullivan, George Henry

S 1907-14 (31); S 1915-16 (43); S 1917-18 (43); S 1919-35 (43)

Day of Death 02/15 **Year of Death** 1935 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes He became Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota after Joseph Alfred Arner Burnquist became Governor when Winfield S. Hammond died while in that office.

He was a member of the Republican Party.
He died while in office.

14996 Sullivan, Michael J.

H 1907-14 (38)

Day of Death ??/?/? **Year of Death** 1914 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office in 1914 but we do not know the exact date of his death. Thus his actual term end date is uncertain.

15085 Thielen, William H.

H 1913-14 (38)

Day of Death ??/?/? **Year of Death** 1914 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes

He died while in office in 1914 but we do not know the exact date of his death. Thus his actual term end date is uncertain.

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15131 Tighe, Richard L.

H 1935-38 (36)

Day of Death 04/30 **Year of Death** 1938 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He died in Hennepin County, Minnesota.*

He died while in office.

15137 Todd, Charles Leonard

S 1931-32 (7)

Day of Death 09/09 **Year of Death** 1932 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He was of German and English descent.*

He died in Wells, Minnesota.

Religion provided by the Minnesota Journal of the Senate, February 14, 1933, p, 358.

He died while in office.

11039 Vadheim, Joseph

S 1955-61 (12)

Day of Death 05/29 **Year of Death** 1961 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He died of a heart attack at his home in Lincoln County, Minnesota.*

His birth year is listed as 1894 by Toensing, his death certificate and the Minnesota Legislative Manual, 1961-62 lists 1893.

His death certificate lists May 30 as his death date.

Religion provided by the Minnesota Journal of the Senate, April 3, 1963.

He died while in office in May 1961.

11046 Van De Riet, Garrett John

H 1953-61 (9)

Day of Death 12/15 **Year of Death** 1961 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He taught in Wisconsin high schools for 8 years.*

He died while in office on December 15, 1961.

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11969 Wallace, Carleton Lyman

H 1899-1902 (43); H 1905-06 (43); H 1909-10 (43); S 1911-14 (43); S 1915-19 (34)

Day of Death 01/13 **Year of Death** 1919 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *Toensing lists his birth year as 1865. The Minnesota Legislative Manuals, 1909 and 1911 list 1866.*

He came to Minnesota on September 17, 1871.

He died while in office on January 13, 1919.

12033 Weis, Harry F.

S 1907-14 (27); S 1915-19 (17)

Day of Death 01/08 **Year of Death** 1919 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He settled in Minnesota in 1876.*

He died while in office on January 8, 1919.

11940 Widstrand, Oscar

H 1937-40 (60); H 1945-47 (60)

Day of Death 07/28 **Year of Death** 1947 **Death Year Certain?**

Notes *He came to the United States in 1882.*

He was a member of the Farmer-Labor Party.

He died while in office.