



Rep. Dwaine Hoberg

Moorhead legislator Hoberg dies at 58

Moorhead, Minn.

State Rep. Dwaine Hoberg died Monday of cancer at his home in Moorhead. He was 58.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Hoberg, once considered a rising star in the Minnesota Independent-Republican Party, was stricken with brain cancer in 1982 as he was preparing to launch his campaign for reelection to the Minnesota House of Representatives. A tumor was removed from his head that summer, and he returned to the campaign and won a third term in the House.

Hoberg, a football star at the University of Minnesota, earned a master's degree from the university in 1950 and became football coach at Moorhead High School that year.

Later he became head coach of the Moorhead State University football team. He resigned in 1969 when he became athletic director.

He was elected to the Moorhead City Council in 1963 and nine years later was elected mayor. In 1973 he was elected chairman of the Seventh District Independent-Republican Party.

A year later Republicans were pressuring him to run for governor but Hoberg chose to run for lieutenant governor.

John Johnson, Minneapolis, won the party's gubernatorial endorsement that year. He and Hoberg tried unsuccessfully to unseat Gov. Wendell Anderson and Lt. Gov. Rudy Perpich.

Hoberg lost the 1977 mayoral election, but in 1978 he was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives by a 26-vote margin over Rep. David Beauchamp, DFL-Moorhead.

Last April he announced he would not run again for his District 9A House seat. He had given 20 years of his life to public service, he said, and his family told him he had given enough.

Hoberg is survived by his wife, Kay, three daughters and a son.

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