

Obituaries

Doran L. Isackson, 51, dies; was farmer, ex-state senator

Former state Sen. Doran L. Isackson, IR-Storden, who represented District 28 in southwestern Minnesota from 1982 to 1986, died Thursday of a heart attack.

Isackson, 51, was born and raised on his family's farm in Douglas County near Alexandria, Minn. He graduated from the University of Minnesota College of Agriculture in 1960.

He taught and worked in agriculture sales before buying a crop farm north of Storden in 1968.

He was elected to the Senate in 1982 and served on committees for agriculture and natural resources, local and urban affairs, public utilities and state-regulated industries, veterans affairs and general legislation.

"He was here during that ag crisis and he was, I thought, very sensitive to all of that," said Senate Minority Leader Duane Benson, IR-Lanesboro.

"He agonized over it: What's the best way to do it? Do we at all costs keep these farmers on the farm or do we permit a kind of natural replenishing and let young farmers come on the land? That concerned all of us, but it was especially important to him," Benson said.

"Doran was really common — I use that in the highest sense of a compliment," Benson said Friday. "He was really . . . one of his constituents."

Isackson was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Storden and had

been church treasurer and president of the church council.

He also had been a former member of the Minnesota National Guard.

Isackson is survived by his wife, Rosemary; a son, Todd, of Owatonna, Minn.; daughters Charisse and Amy, both of Storden; sisters Eleanor Carlson, of Mendota Heights, and Marian Wrolson, of Alexandria, Minn., and a brother, Arthur, of Lowry, Minn.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Bethany Lutheran Church in Storden, with burial at 4 p.m. at Trysl Cemetery near Lowry, Minn. Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Anderson-Schmidt Funeral Home in Storden.