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Obituaries

Harold Anderson dies; served 9 terms in House from Nicollet County

Harold R. Anderson, 77, a former nine-term state representative, died Wednesday of cancer at his home in North Mankato, Minn.

He was elected to the House from District 15B in Nicollet County in 1948. He served until 1966 and was chairman of the Workmen's Compensation, Tax and Highway committees.

"He would have been in office even longer, but after so many terms, he just took it for granted that he would win," said his daughter Jean Wolf, of St. Paul. "But his campaign was real low-key and his opponent campaigned very hard." Anderson was defeated by Carl Johnson of Norseland.

Anderson was born in Clan William, Manitoba, and graduated from Gustavus Academy in St. Peter, Minn. He studied agriculture at the University of Minnesota.

He taught chemistry in the Minnesota towns of Renville and Willmar before serving in the 45th Infantry Division during World War II in North Africa, Italy and Germany. He was wounded and received a Purple Heart.

For 20 years he was a partner in Carlstrom Construction Co. in Mankato. After he lost his legislative seat he was a regional director for the Minnesota Department of Public Health until he retired in 1975.

Anderson was chairman of the Young Republicans in 1948 and was voted Outstanding Young Man by the Mankato Jaycees. He was a member of the VFW, the Lions Club, Masonic Lodge and the Mankato Golf Club.

He had a fondness for crossword puzzles and fishing.

Besides his daughter, Anderson is survived by his wife, Mary, of North



Harold R. Anderson (1956 photo)

Mankato; another daughter, Judy Trepka, of Woodbury; a son, Scott Anderson, of Sacramento, Calif.; a brother, Mervyn Anderson, of Moose Lake, Minn., and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will begin at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Belgrade Avenue Methodist Church, North Mankato. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Woodland Hills Mortuary, Mankato.