

## Rep. M.E. Christianson, 41, Dies

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State Rep. Marvin E. Christianson, Halstad, Minn., DFL'er, died Saturday afternoon

at University Hospitals in Minneapolis after a lengthy fight against cancer. He was 41.

Mr. Christianson, a farmer and lifelong resident of Halstad, was first elected in 1964, and was reelected in 1966 and 1968. He represented District 66A, which includes Norman County and most of adjacent Polk County. He was a former Norman County DFL chairman.

He sustained a back injury during the 1966 election and was hospitalized during much



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of the 1967 legislative session, when cancer was discovered.

He regained strength near the end of the session and appeared regularly at the House. Associates said Mr. Christianson seemed healthy and strong this year.

He had returned to the hospital only last Monday.

House Speaker Lloyd L. Duxbury said the House will adjourn today immediately after convening at 2 p.m.

"Everyone liked and respected him on both sides of the aisle," Duxbury said. "It's a tragic loss."

Majority Leader Aubrey Dirlam called Mr. Christianson "an effective and very dedicated legislator."

DFL Minority Leader Martin O. Sabo termed him "tremendously competent," and

added, "Mr. Christianson was particularly concerned about rural America and the problem of corporate farming and about the whole field of education."

Survivors include his wife, Donna, a son, Marvin Jr., and a daughter, Lori Ann.