

Obituaries

Ex-legislator George Dahlvang dies at 72

George C. Dahlvang, 72, of Minneapolis, former Teamsters official and state legislator, died of cancer Sunday at the hospice at North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale.

Dahlvang topped a long union and public service career with a single term in the Minnesota House, from 1981 to 1983. He represented District 54A, a portion of Minneapolis north of 35th Av. N.

He was born in Minneapolis and graduated in 1935 from North High School, where he was on the debate team. Later that year, while working as a truck driver, he joined the

Teamsters.

He enlisted in the Seabees in 1943 and spent about 2½ years in the South Pacific during World War II, building bomber bases. After the war, he delivered milk for Ewald Dairy. For several years he was recording secretary and then a business agent for Teamsters Dairy Employees Local 471.

During the 1970s, Dahlvang was legislative lobbyist for Minnesota DRIVE, the Teamsters' political arm.

He was a former vice president and trustee of the Minneapolis Senior

Citizen Centers and a member of an employment advisory committee to the Minneapolis City Council from 1977 to 1981.

Dahlvang was active in DFL politics, serving on Hubert Humphrey's staff during his 1972 presidential run and acting as a coordinator for the Carter-Mondale ticket in 1976.

In 1975, Gov. Wendell Anderson appointed him to the District 5 seat on the Metropolitan Council. He continued in the position until he was elected to the House in November 1980, defeating Independent-Republican candidate Terry Trombley with 60

percent of the vote. Dahlvang retired after finishing his term in 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Vera, of Minneapolis, and daughters Gail Russ, of North St. Paul, and Mona Emerson, of Anoka; his mother, Galena, of Minneapolis; a sister, Glee Norman, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and four grandchildren. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Victory Lutheran Church, 4301 Thomas Av. N., Minneapolis, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Washburn-McReavy Swanson Chapel, Lowry and Irving Av. N., Minneapolis.



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