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## Two-term legislator Dorothy Hokr dies at 74

*Relatives say she used strong opinions to help the little guy*

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Services will be held Saturday in Robbinsdale for Dorothy Hokr, who served two terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

She died March 26 of cancer at a hospital in Florida, where she had lived for about 10 years. She was 74.

According to relatives, Hokr, a Republican, believed in fiscal responsibility and helping out the little guy. She enjoyed volunteering and was opinionated, said her son, Paul, of Plymouth.

"We always used to tell her get off your

soapbox and go do something, and she did," he said. "She just wanted to make sure people weren't getting stepped on."

Hokr won the New Hope City Council seat vacated by her husband in 1976 when he opted not to seek reelection. She served on the council until 1981 when she left to serve in the House.

In 1984, Hokr also was one of a select group of Republican women from Minnesota invited to the White House for lunch with President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., Hokr grew up in Florida and came to Minnesota in 1964. She and her husband moved again in 1988 to Lady

Lake, Fla., where she remained active in local affairs. She was involved with her church and the retirement community where she lived.

In addition to her son Paul, she is survived by her husband of 56 years, Lee; another son, Tom, of Brooklyn Park; a daughter, Judy Venas, of Dallas; a brother, Robert George Freer; a sister, Virginia Ward, both of Lady Lake, and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 4087 W. Broadway, in Robbinsdale. A reception will be held afterward at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4947 W. Broadway, in Crystal.