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## Obituaries

# Roy Ryan, ex-DFL legislator, dies at 76

Roy R. Ryan, 76, of Little Canada, a former DFL state representative from St. Paul, died of lung cancer Saturday at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul.

Ryan represented District 64B, an area north of University Av. and east of Dale St. sometimes called Frogtown, from 1966 to 1974. After redistricting he lost in the DFL primary in 1974 and was unsuccessful in trying to regain his seat in 1976.

"He came from a relatively poor district," said his son, Terry, "and one thing that always stood out (for me) was that he authored a bill giving back tax credits to people who remodeled their homes."

Ryan, once chairman of the City Government Committee, derived his interest in politics from his father, Patrick, who represented Frogtown in the Minnesota House in the late 1920s.

In 1948 Roy Ryan started Ryan Plumbing and Heating Co. in St. Paul. He owned it for about 30 years before selling it to other family members.

Ryan is survived by his wife, Flor-



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ence; sons Terry (of St. Paul) and Patrick (of Phoenix, Ariz.); a sister, Evelyn Multz of Pine River, Minn.; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today at St. John The Evangelist Church in Little Canada.