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Obituaries

Roy Aune, 93, former school superintendent and legislator

Roy Aune, 93, a retired school superintendent and former member of the Minnesota Legislature, died Tuesday at the Lake Region Nursing Home in Fergus Falls, Minn.

He had lived at the nursing home about 6½ years and suffered a stroke 10 days ago, said his son Ben, of Minnetonka.

Aune, the son of Norwegian immigrants, was born in a log cabin on his family's farm near Fergus Falls. He attended country schools and Park Region College in Fergus Falls. After studying at St. Olaf College in Northfield, for a year, he transferred to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. He graduated in 1926.

He later earned a master's degree in education at the University of Minnesota.

He was headmaster of a small school in North Dakota for a short time, then became successively superintendent of schools in Clearwater, Henning and Parkers Prairie, Minn., before becoming superintendent in Breckenridge, Minn., in 1949. He reached the mandatory retirement age in 1966 but stayed on until 1972 as assistant superintendent.

"He really loved kids," his son said yesterday. "I think he had a sense of wanting to improve society through education."

Aune represented Otter Tail County in the state House of Representatives from 1947 to 1951.

He served on the board of the Minnesota State High School League for eight years and was its chairman in 1955-56. He was a life member of the Riley Club, an organization of school administrators. He was active in the Rotary Club, Elks and Masons.

He enjoyed hunting and skiing. He also loved watching sports, from high school to professional, his son said.

During World War II, Aune was a Navy recruiter in Chicago and Springfield, Ill.

His wife, Dorothy, died in 1967.

Besides his son Ben, Aune is survived by another son, Ed, of Columbia Heights; a sister, Agnes Torkelson, of Fergus Falls, and four grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at First Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Olson Funeral Home there.