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W. F. Bennett dies; ex-legislator was 83

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Willard F. Bennett Sr., 83, 4926 Vincent Av., former Minnesota legislator and a one time House majority leader, died Monday.

He was in the House when it was controlled by the

Farmer-Labor majority in the days when Floyd B. Olson was governor. He was House majority leader during the administration of Gov. Elmer Benson from 1937 to 39.

Mr. Bennett was father-in-law of Hennepin District Judge Donald Barbeau and the oldest member of the Painters Union. He was a past business agent of the union.

Survivors include a son, Willard Bennett Jr., Minneapolis; two daughters, Mrs. Donald Barbeau, Minneapolis, and Mrs. Harriet Hill, Temple City, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, and three brothers, Kenneth and Leonard, both of LaCrosse, Wis., and Ivan, Tomah, Wis.

Services have been scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Welander-Quist mortuary, 1200 W. Broadway, with burial in Crystal Lake Cemetery. Visitation was to begin at 4 p.m. today.

Memorials to the Cancer Society are preferred.