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Alf Bergerud dies; 30-year state legislator

Alf Bergerud, state legislator from the metropolitan area for 30 years, died yesterday at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital after a long illness.

Bergerud, 78, was elected a state representative for the first time in 1941.

He was elected in the former 30th and 34th house districts in Minneapolis, then from the 36th district in Edina. He later was elected a state senator, an office he held until 1972.

Bergerud was well-known among his colleagues for spearheading reapportionment and anti-pollution legislation. He was an expert on employee and workmen's compensation legislation.

He was with Red Owl Stores Inc. for 34 years, the last five as president. After retiring from Red Owl, Bergerud practiced law with Cant, Haverstock, Gray, Plant & Mooty in Minneapolis.

He was born in Fergus Falls, Minn., and attended St. Olaf College and the University of Minnesota law school.

He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, Edina; three sons, Tom, Jon and Lee; and a daughter, Mary.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

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