

Deaths

Vernon S. Welch

Vernon S. Welch, Colorado Springs, Colo., Conservative state representative from 1938 to 1954 from Minnesota's 34th District, died of a heart attack Friday in Phoenix, Ariz. He was 73.

Welch, a Minneapolis native, was known in the Legislature as the "father" of Minnesota's legislative aviation program. He retired from the Legislature after serving all 16 years on the Tax Committee and eventually became director of Midwest Federal Savings and Loan Association.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School, Welch was retired executive vice president of the Savings and Loan League of Minnesota.

One of the founders of the Young Republican League of Minnesota, he was a key supporter in Harold Stassen's early presidential campaigns.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

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