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**Vernon Jensen, former
Montevideo lawmaker,
dies in St. Paul at age 70**

Former state Sen. Vernon Jensen died Saturday of lung cancer at his home in St. Paul, at the age of 70.

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Jensen represented Chippewa, Lac qui Parle and Yellow Medicine counties from 1965 through 1973, and lived in Montevideo most of his life. He and his wife, Irene, moved to St. Paul nine years ago.

Jensen was a veterinarian in Montevideo, and was named veterinarian of the year by the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association in 1969. He was executive director of the Governor's Rural Development Council from 1973 through 1977, and was once chairman of the Minnesota Ethical Practices Board.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters.