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C. Elmer Johnson, ex-lawmaker, dies

Services for C. Elmer Johnson, 83, former state legislator, will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Immanuel

Lutheran Church, Almelund, Minn., with burial in the church cemetery.

Johnson, who lived all his life in Chisago County, died Saturday. He raised purebred Holsteins on his 280-acre farm there.

He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1932 and went to the Senate two years later, representing Chicago and Pine Counties. He was in the Legislature 30 years.

He was author of the state's first Civil Service law and co-author of the first income-tax law and a law putting the highway patrol under civil service.

He retired in 1962 when reapportionment put him and another incumbent, Ralph Johnson, in the same district.

Survivors include a son, Ray, Almelund, and two daughters, Louise Samuel, Louisville, Ky., and Avis Legler, Salt Lake City.