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## Ex-speaker of House dies at 79 in Duluth

George W. Johnson, a former mayor of Duluth and a six-term state legislator, died yesterday in a Duluth Hospital. He was 79.

Johnson was mayor from 1945 to 1953 and was a state representative from the 59th District from 1925 through 1937. While he was mayor, Johnson was vice-president to the Minnesota Conference of Mayors.

In the state Legislature he was on the interim tax and interim social services committees and was speaker of the House for

the 1935 and 1937 sessions.

Johnson is survived by his widow, Grace.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Central Avenue United Methodist Church of Duluth. Burial will be in Oneota Cemetery.