

Ex-state legislator dies at 88

O.L. Johnson, 88, a former Minnesota legislator and a business and civic leader in McGregor, Minn., died Monday.

Johnson, a Republican, was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives for five terms, from 1943 through 1948 and from 1955 through 1958.

Johnson studied embalming at the University of Minnesota and founded the Johnson Funeral Home in McGregor. He was past president of the Minnesota Funeral Directors Association and helped write the state laws for licensing funeral directors.

He also founded and developed the Pilsand Telephone Co. in McGregor and served on the McGregor Board of Education for 33 years.

Johnson is survived by three sons; Clyde and Warren of McGregor and Richard of Eau Claire, Wis.; a step-sister, Jessie Robertson of Terre Haute, Ind.; six grandchildren; five step-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Masonic services will be held at 7:30 p.m. today at the Johnson Funeral Home. Church services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Holy Family Catholic Parish Hall in McGregor. Burial will be in the Woodland Cemetery in McGregor.