Michael J. Galvin Sr., 98, former Winona senator

Michael J., Galvin Sr., a St. Paul lawyer and former Minnesota state senator, died Thursday in St. Paul. He was 98.

Galvin, a native of Fillmore County in southeastern Minnesota, earned his law degree at Creighton University in Omaha in 1925. He then moved to Minneapolis, where he practiced law for two years.

Galvin moved to Winona in 1927 and served as a state senator from the area from 1935 to 1946. For eight years he was chairman of the Senate Labor Committee. He also headed the committee overseeing motor vehicles and motor tax laws. In 1946, Galvin moved to St. Paul, where he practiced law until 1991. He was public relations counsel for the Minnesota Railroad Association from 1946 to 1966.

Galvin also served as the president of the Minnesota Bar Association and of the Minnesota Safety Council.

He is survived by a son, Michael Galvin Jr. of St. Paul; two daughters, Sheila Rangitsch of Kansas City, and Mary Galvin Farrel of St. Paul; 13 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

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