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H.T. McKnight, ex-legislator, Jonathan developer, dies

Henry T. McKnight, 59, former state senator and developer of the new town of Jonathan and of the Cedar-Riverside a rea of Minneapolis, died of a brain tumor at 5:15 p.m. Saturday at University of Minnesota Hospitals.

Mr. McKnight underwent surgery just after Thanksgiving. He had returned home to 2940 Gale Road, Wayzata. However, he returned to the hospital Tuesday.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. McKnight was known for his interest in conservation and the Twin Cities arts.

He was born in Minneapolis on April 2, 1913, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight. The elder McKnight was a Minneapolis business and civic leader and a member of a pioneer Minneapolis family. Henry McKnight attended Blake School, Minneapolis. He served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War

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II, was awarded a bronze star and rose to the rank of lieutenant commander.

Under the Eisenhower administration, Mr. Mc-Knight was a member of the national Agricultural Advisory Commission.

As a state senator from District 33, he authored the Minnesota Omnibus Natural Resources and Recreation Act of 1963.

He belonged to and was chairman of a large number of local and state groups. Some of his activities were:

President of the Minnesota River Development Association, president of the Quetico - Superior Foundation (a conservation group working in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of the state), trustee of Augsburg College, trustee of the Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts, director of Keep Minnesota Green, Inc., former chairman of the Minnesota Natural Resources Council, former chairman of the Minnesota Republican Farm Council, past director of the American Forestry Association, past vice-president of the Forest Farmers Association, past president of the Council for Agricultural and Chemurgic Research and vice-chairman of the League of New Community Developers, a national group.

Mr. McKnight also was a trustee of the Minnesota and Hennepin County Historical Societies, and a member of the Minneapolis Club, the Minnesota Club in St. Paul, the Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska, and Woodhill Country Club in Wayzata

Mr. McKnight was president of the S. T. McKnight Foundation, which endowed with \$250,000 the principal second-violinist chair of the Minnesota Orchestra.

He and his wife, the former Grace Lindley, divided their time between their home in Wayzata and their Black Angus cattle farm in Victoria, adacent to Jonathan, the new town development in Chaska.

Survivors include his wife; three children, H. Turney McKnight, Baltimore, Md., Sumner T. Mc-Knight III, Santa Anna, Calif., and Christina A. McKnight, Woodstock Vt.; two step - children Clarkson and Kristin e Lindley, both of Wayzata and a sister, Mrs. William H. Moore, New York, N.Y.

Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for Wednesday at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark, 519 Oak Grove.