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Roger Noreen, 74; former legislator

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Former state legislator Roger Noreen died Friday at age 74.

The Duluth native was an officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He later earned a law degree from the University of Minnesota, married Violet Lemenowsky of St. Paul and moved back to Duluth to practice law.

Noreen first ran for the Legislature in 1954, and he served four terms as the only Republican representative from a heavily Democratic area. He moved his family to St. Paul in 1961, when he took a job with West Publishing. Noreen spent 32 years with the company.

He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Jane, and two granddaughters, all of Mendota Heights.

Visitation will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in West St. Paul, where the funeral will follow at 11 a.m.

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