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Henry Nycklemoe, 96, judge, former legislator

Henry Nycklemoe, 96, an attorney, municipal judge and former state senator, died Wednesday at the Pioneer Nursing Home in Fergus Falls, Minn.

Nycklemoe was born in Eagle Lake Township in Otter Tail County. He attended Northwestern College in Fergus Falls and taught school in North Dakota. He later worked as a logger in northern Minnesota and as a carpenter, building several homes in the Fergus Falls area.

After serving in the Navy for two years during World War I, he graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., in 1922 and received a law degree from the University of Minnesota in 1925.

He set up a law practice in Fergus Falls the same year. He was a municipal judge there from 1928 to 1940 and served as a DFL senator from Otter Tail County in the Minnesota Legislature from 1954 to 1958. He also was a delegate to the Democratic national convention in 1960.

Nycklemoe had been a member of Sons of Norway since 1925. He was

past president of the Fergus Falls Heinskringla No. 12 Lodge from 1932 to 1971 and was district director for eight years. He attended nine international conventions.

He was president of the board of directors of the Pioneer Home for 23 years. In 1974 he received the Outstanding Senior Citizen Award from the Fergus Falls Senior Citizens and received the WCCO-Radio Good Neighbor Award in 1977. Nycklemoe continued his law practice until his death.

He is survived by sons Paul and David of Fergus Falls; a daughter, Julianne Thompson of Bloomington; sisters Pauline Langlie of Ashby, Minn., and Helen Evavold of Battle Lake, Minn.; brothers Ole of Ashby and Arthur of Minneapolis; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, with visitation an hour before services. Memorials to the Pioneer Home are suggested. Arrangements are by the Olson Funeral Home.

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