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Burl Johnson dies this morning

Burl Johnson, 67, veteran Indiana state legislator, and former law enforcement officer, died at 7:15 this morning at St. Joseph's hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Johnson, who resided on route 6, southeast of Decatur, had been in failing health for several years, and seriously ill for the past few months.

He had served eight years as joint state representative from Adams and Wells counties, but did not seek renomination on the Democratic ticket at the primary election last month because of his declining health.

Mr. Johnson, a retired farmer, was highly active in Democratic party circles his entire life.

He was first elected to public office in 1930, when he was elected Adams county sheriff, serving two term of two years each.

Following completion of his four years as sheriff, Mr. Johnson was appointed to the Indiana state police, serving as a patrolman until 1938. He was then named to the Indiana state excise force, serving until 1944.

He retired from public office until he won the Democratic nomination for joint state representative from Adams and Wells counties in 1958. He was reelected three times, serving in the legislature sessions of 1959, 1961, 1963 and 1965, including special sessions.

Lifelong Resident

A lifetime resident of Adams county, he was born at Monroe Oct. 14, 1898, a son of Frank and Lydia Brandyberry-Johnson. He was married to Leona Keller Nov. 27, 1922.

Mr. Johnson served with the U.S. Army during World War I, (rest is missing)

...five grandchildren; three brothers, Clyde and Erman Johnson, both of Decatur, and Chancey Johnson of Akron, O.; and three sisters, Mrs. Lloyd (Pearl) Kreisler of Decatur, Mrs. Glen (Nellie) Vian of Arizona, and Mrs. Della Cox of Hamilton, O.

Funeral Monday

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at the Winteregg-Linn funeral home with Rev. Melvin Seeger officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery, with military rites at the graves by Adams Post 43, American Legion. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. Saturday until time of the services.

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