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BURNSVILLE CITY COUNCILMEMBER CHARLIE CRICHTON DIES

Long time Councilmember, Charlie Crichton, died yesterday at St. Francis hospital in Shakopee. He was 84 years old. He served on the Burnsville City Council since 1993 after serving on the City's planning commission for five years. He had also served on the Arden Hills City Council from 1972 through 1982 before moving to Burnsville.

Mr. Crichton's colleagues on the City Council were all extremely saddened by the news of his death.

Burnsville Mayor, Elizabeth Kautz, said "We served together for 18 years on the City Council. Although we may have disagreed on policy tactics, I know Charlie only wanted what was best for Burnsville. The City lost a dear friend and colleague."

Councilmember Dan Gustafson remarked, "Charlie always made us pause and reflect on what we were doing. He was a friend and we will miss him."

Councilmember Mary Sherry added, "I learned so much from Charlie about listening to citizens and respecting the dignity of every constituent. I think of him as the loyal opposition - with the emphasis on loyal. He loved this City and I will miss him dearly."

Dan Kealey, Mr. Crichton's other colleague on the Council, had this to say: "Taxpayers have lost one of the best civil servants in the City's history. Charlie was a tax hawk who successfully checked the growth of government. Burnsville is a financially strong city largely because of Charlie. I feel like I have lost a friend."

Mr. Crichton is survived by his wife, Terry; sons Tenney, Bob and Ross; daughters Jan, Beth and Deb; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

No memorial arrangements have been made yet.

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