

Atchison Vice-Mayor Farris dies

(KAIR)--A longtime Atchison attorney, and civic leader, has died.

J. David Farris was a current Atchison City Commissioner who served as City Attorney for 25 years until his 2015 retirement from that role. In 2019, he was elected to the Atchison City Commission, where he served as Vice-Mayor.

Farris died Sunday at a Kansas City hospital at the age of 83.

His death is confirmed both by Interim Atchison City Manager Justin Pregont and by a remembrance posted to his law firm's website, with a photograph of Farris, saying "In remembrance of J. David Farris, 1938 to 2022," posted to the Farris, Fresh, and Werring Law Office web page Monday.

According to the website, Farris retired from the practice of law in the fall of 2019, after more than 50-years of practice in the State of Kansas, "the vast majority of which occurred in Atchison."

Farris, commonly known as "Dave," was admitted to practice law in Kansas in 1965 and in Missouri in 1987. According to his law firm, Farris served as the Assistant Atchison County Attorney from 1969 to 1970; as Atchison County Attorney from 1970 to 1974; and as Atchison City Attorney from 1990 to 2015. He was currently serving his term as Atchison City Commissioner, which was to end December 4, 2023, at the time of his death.

Funeral arrangements for Farris are forthcoming.

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