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(Wyo.)-Joe Meyer, Wyoming State Treasurer, Dies At 71

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CHEYENNE, Wyoming (AP) - The state's treasurer and its longest serving attorney general has died. Joseph "Joe" Meyer was 71.

Meyer's family said in a statement that he died Saturday. No cause of death was released, but Meyer was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2009. He had brain surgery in January to remove cancer deposits.

His death comes just days after the University of Wyoming announced he would receive a distinguished alumni award at homecoming next week. Meyer graduated from the school with a bachelor's degree in 1964 and a law degree in 1967.

Meyer has been state treasurer since 2008. He was first elected to state office as Wyoming secretary of state in 1999.

He also was Wyoming's attorney general from 1987 to 1995.

Gov. Matt Mead called his death a "tremendous loss."