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(Neb.)-Husband Of Former Governor Kay Orr Dies At Home

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - The husband of Nebraska's only female former governor, Bill Orr, has died at the age of 78.

Orr's son and grandson said he died at home in Lincoln early Sunday.

The retired Woodmen of the World executive is remembered for the way he embraced the role of first gentleman when his wife, Kay Orr, served as governor from 1987 to 1991.

Bill Orr even published a First Gentleman's Cookbook with his own recipes and contributions from Warren Buffett, Johnny Carson, Tom Osborne and actress Katharine Hepburn.

Orr's grandson Taylor Gage says his grandfather believed in conservative principles and taught him many practical things. Gage says Orr struggled with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease before his death.

The Orrs were married for 55 years.

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