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Perkins County said goodbye to a faithful and dedicated servant on Monday when Commissioner James Deaver was buried in the Fairview Cemetery west of Grant.

Deaver was elected as commissioner in 1978 and took his seat to serve the county up until the time of his death on Friday, Jan. 11.

The Perkins County Courthouse was closed on Monday to honor him.

He was in the Perkins County Hospital when he died at the age of 73 last week.

Not only did Deaver commit much of his time to the county by serving as one of its three commissioners, but he dedicated himself to the betterment of the county in other ways.

He was a faithful attendee on a monthly basis at Region II Human Services in North Platte for 26 years, serving on the board of directors.

He also was on the board of directors for the Area Agency on Aging, attending monthly meetings in North Platte for 22 years.

Deaver was past president of the Nebraska Association of County Officials and served on the board of directors for nine years.

He gave his time to the county through workshops, safety meetings, legislative meetings, state conventions and three national conventions.

In assisting the senior citizens of Perkins County, Deaver drove the mini bus for many years.

A native of the county, Deaver was born near Brandon and attended country school, entered high school at the age of 12 and is a 1955 graduate of Perkins County High School. He served his country through the Army National Guard.

Taking an emotional toll on Deaver and his wife Virginia were the deaths of two of their grandchildren in September and October of last year.

Deaver is survived by his wife, Virginia, two sons, a daughter, 12 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, a brother and three sisters-in-law.

He was preceded in death by a son, two grandchildren and three brothers.

A complete obituary appears on Page Two of the Jan. 17 Tribune-Sentinel.