

# Larry Fanning Passes

Lawrence S. Fanning, 56, editor and publisher of the Anchorage Daily News, died February 3, several hours after he suffered a heart attack in his

office.

One of the most influential men in Alaska, Fanning's newspaper was at the forefront of such causes as Native rights, minority rights, the eradication of poverty and the improvement of Anchorage and all Alaska.

"Larry Fanning was always in the forefront of leadership in all concerns that dealt with human betterment," said Governor William A. Egan. "Alaska has lost a man of uncompromising principles and high ideals."

Prior to joining the News in 1967, Fanning had been managing editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, executive director of the Chicago Sun-Times and editor of the Chicago Daily News, in a journalistic career which spanned close to four decades.

Born in Minneapolis on April 14, 1914, Fanning attended the University of San Francisco State College.

He joined the San Francisco Chronicle while still in college, in 1933. He became that paper's managing editor in 1945, leaving in 1955 to join Field Enterprises, Inc. of Chicago as editor of the Sun-Times Syndicate Division.

In 1967, he joined the editorial staff of the Chicago Sun-Times, becoming executive director of that newspaper from January 1959 to October 1962.

In 1962, Fanning became executive editor of the Chicago

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**Daily News:** He took over its editorship in October, 1965.

In September, 1967, he became editor and publisher of the Anchorage Daily News.

Fanning is survived by his widow, Kay, whom he married in 1966; a son, Michael; a daughter, Judith Hunt of Anchorage; stepchildren Katherine, Barbara and Ted; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services for Fanning

were held February 5 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Anchorage.

Among the 200 people who gathered to commemorate the editor were U.S. Sen. and Mrs. Charles Percy of Illinois, longtime friends of the family, former Gov. Keith H. Miller, dozens of colleagues, employees, businessmen, civic leaders, family friends, politicians and admirers.