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Ex-GOP lawmaker from Brush dies

BRUSH, Colo. (AP) — Cecil P. "Doc" Lamb, a Republican legislator from Brush for 20 years, died Thursday at the age of 90. *Death date 1982-1983?*

Lamb, who served in the Colorado House from 1953 until 1972, died at Ebenezer Lutheran Care Center, where he and his wife had been living since 1976.

He married Josephine Giradot in Denver in 1916.

Lamb was born in What Cheer, Iowa, on Dec. 19, 1892, and moved to Colorado with his family in 1902. The Lambs came to Fort Morgan from Loveland in 1904, and Cecil Lamb graduated from Fort Morgan High School in 1912.

Lamb set up a veterinarian practice in Brush in 1915 after graduating from Colorado A&M, now Colorado State University, with a degree in veterinarian medicine.

After serving as an Army veterinarian in World War I, Lamb returned to Colorado and managed the Giradot Ranch in Morgan County from 1923 to 1925, when he settled in Brush.

In 1952, Lamb was forced to retire from his veterinarian practice because he developed an allergy to horses, and he then ran for the Legislature, at the suggestion of his wife.

Lamb said his hardest battle during his years in the House was getting the Veterinarian Practices Act enacted. He introduced the bill during his first year in office and it finally passed in 1968.

Lamb is survived by his wife; three daughters, Anna Belle Chesney of Fort Morgan; Betty Jo Chesney of Honolulu, and Dorothy Drake of Nederland, Texas; a brother, Samuel L. Lamb, of Upland, Calif.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

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