

Former Broomfield Mayor Bill Berens dies of cancer at 66

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Bill Berens served four terms before he was elected to the state legislature.

Bill Berens, a former Broomfield mayor and state representative, died Monday at his home in Brighton. Berens, 66, had battled cancer.

Born in Montrose, Berens graduated from Grand Junction Central High School. After serving in the Army, Berens received a civil engineering degree in 1974 from the University of Colorado and a masters of business administration in 1985 from the University of Northern Colorado.

Elected to the Broomfield City Council in 1985, Berens went on to be a four-term mayor of the city. He was first elected mayor in 1994.

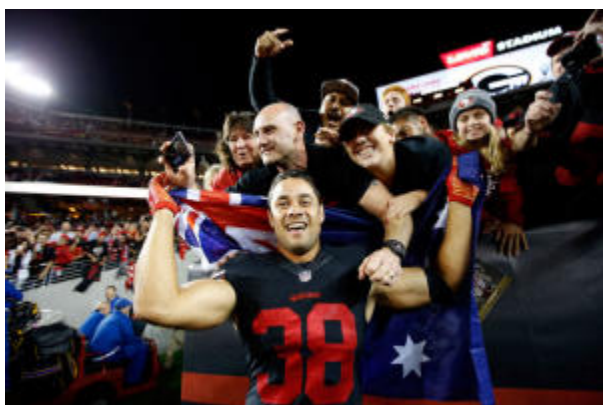
He was elected to the state legislature in 2004 and served [House District 33](#).

A Republican, Berens dedicated his life to serving his community, said former Adams County District Attorney Bob Grant, a friend and colleague.

"He was a very outspoken man, strong in his beliefs and opinions," Grant said. "Very polite, very dapper, you always knew where he was coming from, whether you agreed or disagreed."

He is survived by his wife, Tami; two sons, Bill and Andy; a stepson, Chris Muniz; and four grandsons.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in Broomfield.



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