

Community leader Jean Bain dies

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Jean Bain, a community leader and former state legislator, died Monday. She was 89.

Born Elizabeth Jean Knight in 1909, Bain was a member of one of Colorado's pioneering families.

Her great-grandfather, Charles Davis, came to Colorado in the late 1800s and founded a successful flour milling business. The business was continued and expanded by Bain's grandfather, Stephen Knight, for whom Knight Elementary School in Denver is named.



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One of Jean's sons, Don Bain, is former head of the Colorado Republican Party and ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Denver in 1987 and 1991.

Jean Bain was a graduate of East High School and the University of Colorado. In 1960, she was elected as a Republican to the Colorado General Assembly,

where she represented the city of Denver for 12 years.

Bain served on more than 30 boards and advisory councils. She had been a trustee of the University of Northern Colorado and Doane College in Crete, Neb., and had been a member of the National Executive Council of the United Church of Christ.

She also had served as a director of the Colorado Mental Health Association, the Metropolitan Denver YMCA, the Better Business Bureau of Denver, the Girls Club and the Mile High Chapter of the American Red Cross. She was a member of

the Lions Club of Denver, Kappa Kappa Gamma and the League of Women Voters of Denver.

Bain is survived by her husband, Francis; a brother, Roger Knight of Denver; son Don; son Lawrence of La Grange, Ill.; daughter Lilliana of England; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 S. Colorado Blvd.

Contributions may be made to Savio House, 325 King St., Denver 80219.