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City pays tribute to former Mayor Wade Meadows



The city of Branson paid its final respects to former Mayor Wade Meadows with a fire department tribute and a sign of appreciation by the public works department along the funeral route today.

Meadows, who was Branson's mayor from 1987 to 1994, died Saturday. He was 89. He was also the city's public works superintendent and building inspector from 1962 until his retirement in 1982.

The Branson Fire Department set up a cross ladders tribute where two ladder trucks suspended a giant American flag over Business 65 next to City Hall where the funeral procession traveled to the cemetery.



City employees also lined the street to pay respects to the former mayor, and public works employee Kendall Powell held a sign created by his department thanking Meadows for his service to the city.

During Meadows' tenure as mayor, the city's first fire station was built on Highway 76 with paid firefighters and he initiated the expansions of the city's water and wastewater treatment systems. The Meadows Water Treatment Plant completed in 1997 was named in his honor.