

Uuno Mathias Sahinen, 1906-1982

Dr. Uuno Mathias Sahinen, eighth director (1969-1971) of the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology and first state geologist of Montana, passed away suddenly on October 29, 1982, at his summer home on Lake Mary, Ronan, Montana. Funeral services were held on November 3, 1982, in St. Lukes Lutheran Church in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Sahinen was born on April 7, 1906, in Mass, Michigan, and moved to Butte, Montana in 1915. He received both his B.S. (1929) and M.S. (1935) degrees in geological engineering from the Montana School of Mines. He was first employed by the Bureau of Mines and Geology in 1931, and except for 4 years in industry and 3 years in the U.S. Navy, spent his entire career with the bureau until his retirement in 1971. He was appointed associate director of the bureau in 1962.

An excellent field geologist and careful writer, Uuno was widely respected and admired for the depth of his knowledge of Montana mineral deposits, and for his many detailed economic geology reports published over four decades.

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