

**Paul May, Jr.**

**January 2, 1928—November 14, 2000**

**Appointed April 1984**

**Paul May, Jr. was appointed to the Clark County Commission by Governor Richard Bryan in April 1984 to replace Jack Petitti following his resignation. May served on the commission for the rest of year.**

**May was born in Hot Springs, Virginia. He moved to North Las Vegas in 1943 and graduated from Las Vegas High School. He went into the army and attended the Army School of Cryptography and later UNLV.**

**In 1966, voters elected May to the Nevada State Assembly. He served in the Assembly from 1967 until 1983. He served as speaker in 1983 and chaired the taxation committee for many years. May helped establish the first community college in Clark County in North Las Vegas. In 1984, he joined the Clark County Commission following Jack Petitti's indictment and resignation. May lost his appointed seat in a primary contest with Jay Bingham. In 1985, May was appointed to the North Las Vegas City Council to fill Jay Bingham's seat following Bingham's election to the Clark County Commission. In 1986, voters again elected May to the Nevada Assembly for another term. In his last term in the Assembly, May made national news when he sponsored the creation of a new county, Bullfrog, in order to secure additional funds from the federal government. The county was declared unconstitutional.**

**Following May's career as an elected official, he went to work for the City of North Las Vegas as a lobbyist. He also worked as a real estate agent and broker. May was an active member of the American Legion and the Masons. He died on November 14, 2000 of a stroke.**

