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Former Karnataka Governor HR Bhardwaj dies at 82

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Former Karnataka Governor and senior Congress leader Hans Raj Bhardwaj breathed his last here on Sunday. He was 82.

Bhardwaj wasthe Governor of Karnataka from June 2009 to June 2014, at enure that was marked by frequent run-ins with the BJP government.

He also held the distinction of being the second longest serving Union law minister nine years as minister of state under then prime ministers Rajiv Gandhi (1984-89) and PV Narasimha Rao (1992-96) and later as a Cabinet minister in the UPA-I government from



Hans Raj Bhardwaj

2004-09.
A staunch loyalist of the Gandhi family, Bhardwaj in his later years had become critical of the

manner in which the Congress partywas run by Rahul Gandhi in the run up to the Lot Sabha elections, last year. He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters. Bhardwaj will be cremated at the Nigambodh Ghaton Mondayat 4 pm. Chief Minister Yediyurappa and Congress leader Siddaramaiah have condoled the death.