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Senior JDS man K Amarnath Shetty no more

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FORMER minister and senior JDS leader K Amarnath Shetty (80) passed away on Monday in Mangaluru at a private

hospital. He was admitted to AJ Hospital following a brief illness, and is survived by a wife and two daughters.

Shetty, who entered politics in 1965, became an MLA in 1983 from Moodbidri-Mulky constituency. In 1984, he was made minister for tourism and religious endowment under Ramakrishna Hegde's government, and also held the labour and agriculture portfolios.

In 1985, he was re-elected as MLA from the same constituency and was made minister in 1987 for religious endowment. He had contested seven times in the assembly elections.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa offered his condolences after hearing of his demise. "Amarnath Shetty held ministerial posts in Ramakrishna Hegde and J H Patel's governments. He was a simple politician," he said. JDS supremo IID Deve Gowda and former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy attended the funeral on Monday.