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Chairman Mario Canales Torresola of the Commonwealth House Agriculture Committee died at 5:30 p.m. yesterday of a heart attack in his native Jayuya. He was 63.

Gov. Muñoz last night designated Secretary of Agriculture Luis Rivera Santos to represent him at the funeral of the former Jayuya mayor and assemblyman scheduled for 4:30 p.m. today. Burial will take place in the Jayuya Municipal Cemetery.

A coffee grower who at his death was also secretary of the House Elections Personnel Committee;

Canales was stricken with a heart attack around 8 p.m. Monday.

Brother of the late Puerto Rican writer and legislator Nemesio Canales, the outspoken advocate of modernized coffee production to revive the island's flagging coffee industry is survived by his widow, the former Maria Velez Padro, and a daughter, Elba.

Canales was also a member of the House Committees on the Treasury and on Interior Government, Nomination and Residential Processes. He was first elected to the House in 1944 and was a delegate

to the 1951-52 Constitutional Convention which established the island's present form of government.

The son of Rosario Canales and Consuelo Torresola, the legislator was a member of the Puerto Rico Agricultural Association, the Puerto Rico Coffee Cooperative, the Capitol Credit Cooperative, the Jayuya Consumers Cooperative and the Jayuya Lions Club.

He was educated in the elementary schools of Jayuya and the secondary schools of Ponce. He was born on Jan. 2, 1899.