Bob Dole spent 36 years on Capitol Hill, ran for president three times and dedicated later years to honoring fellow veterans.

By John Sacco and Ray Westmore

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Bob Dole, who overcame disabling war wounds to become a sharp-tongued Senate leader from Kansas, a Republican presidential candidate and then a senator and eloquent voice of his dwindling generation of World War II veterans, has died. He was 98.

The Kansas native who was an ableman known as “The Torpedo,” as he was referred to by his fellow senators, died Sunday at his home in Leawood, Kansas, in a announces Sunday on Twitter.

Dole was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer during his 36-year career on Capitol Hill. Dole became one of the most influential members and party leaders in the Senate, combining a talent for compromising with a country wit, which he often turned on himself but didn’t hesitate to turn on others, too.

He shaped tax policy, foreign policy, farm and nutrition programs and rights for the disabled, embracing protections against discrimination in employment, education and public services in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Today’s accessible government offices and national parks, sidewalks ramps and sign-language interpreters at official events are just some of the more visible hallmarks of his legacy and that of the fellow lawmakers he rounded up for that sweeping civil rights legislation 36 years ago.

Dole devoted his later years to the cause of wounded veterans, their fallen comrades at Arlington National Cemetery and remembrance of the fading generation.

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Senate leader, WWII hero

By Samantha J. Gross

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