

Decatur Lady Found Dead In Apartment

Mrs. Marie Anderson, 71, was found dead in her upstairs apartment at 133 1/2 S. Second street by city police Thursday afternoon, and her son, James Robert Anderson, 41, was rushed to the Veteran's hospital in Marion suffering from exposure and possible malnutrition.

Mrs. Anderson's cause of death was not determined, but she was known to have been suffering from cancer. The time of death had not been established by county coroner Richard Linn at 1 p.m. today.

Linn said he believes the local lady died approximately five to six days ago, but this was not definite. The coroner was tracing down further clues this afternoon as to when Mrs. Anderson had last been seen.

Call To Investigate

Fred Fullenkamp, owner of Frickle's, located in the ground floor of the building where the Anderson's resided, contacted the city police at 3:46 p.m. Fullenkamp told police he had not seen or heard Mrs. Anderson and her son in several days, and asked for an officer to investigate.

Patrolman Jim Cochran was dispatched to the apartment and found Mrs. Anderson lying on the floor of the kitchen. Robert Anderson was discovered sleeping in a bed in the rear portion of the apartment.

The son was rushed to the Adams county hospital for treatment, and then transferred to the V. A. hospital in Marion.

Anderson was suffering from exposure, and possible malnutrition. He had previously been a patient in a mental hospital and was reported to spend a great deal of time in bed.

No Information

The son could give the investigating officers and coroner no information as to what had happened to his mother. In fact, he was unable to talk to anyone at the time of his arrival at the hospital. He was reported to be improving today at the Marion hospital and is expected to live.

Services Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Anderson will be held at 9:15 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic church, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

The body was removed to the Gillig, Doan & Sefton funeral home in this city, where friends may call after 7 o'clock tonight. The rosary will be recited at 8 o'clock.

A native of Decatur, Mrs. Anderson was the widow of Lewis Anderson. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church and the Rosary society. Survivors include two sons, John Anderson, California, and James Robert Anderson; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Robert Sumption, Plymouth, Mich.; and one sister, Sr. Virgine, C. S. A. of Fond Du Lac, Wis. Another son, Thomas, died approximately a year ago.