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John Barth dies today at hospital

John H. Barth, 78, of 314 North Fourth street, former manager of the Decatur office of the Northern Indiana Public Service Co., died at 4:30 o'clock this morning at the Adams county memorial hospital. He had been in failing health for some time and a patient at the hospital for the past six months.

Mr. Barth had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jaberg for the past 20 years.

He was born in Chicago, Ill., Sept. 23, 1887, a son of John and Josephine Gruber-Barth. He attended schools in State Center, Ia. He also attended Washington University in St. Louis, and was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

He was employed for 39 years with the Northern Indiana Public Service Co., and served as Decatur manager from 1947 until his retirement in 1952.

Mr. Barth was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Holy Name society, and the Elks lodge.

Surviving are a half-sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter of New West Minister, British Columbia, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. Friends may call at the Gillig Doan & Sefton funeral home after 2 p.m. Wednesday until time of the services. The rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Wednesday. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will post an honor guard from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

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