

March 3, 1964

Schumacher Rites Thursday Morning

William J. Schumacher, 79, lifelong resident of Decatur, died suddenly of a heart attack at 11:30 o'clock Monday morning at his home, 614 South Fifth street. Although he had been in failing health, his death was unexpected.

Mr. Schumacher retired a number of years ago from the General Electric Co., and previously was employed by Lose Bros. for many years.

He was born in Decatur Feb. 19, 1885, a son of Frank and Phoebe Keipper-Schumacher, and was married to Miss Minnie M. Blauvelt May 24, 1910.

Mr. Schumacher was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Holy Name society, and was Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence (Margaret) Beal and Mrs. James (Catherine) Murphy, both of Decatur; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Curtis Moser of Decatur, and one brother, Frank (Shucks) Schumacher of Lafayette. Two sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held 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. The body was removed to the Gillig & Doan funeral home, where friends may call after 7 p.m. today until time of the services. The rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Wednesday. The Fourth Degree K. C. will post an honor guard at the funeral home from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, and will serve as honorary pallbearers.

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