

Veteran Doctor Taken By Death This Morning

Dr. James M. Miller Dies This Morning of Complications

Dr. James M. Miller, 79, veteran Decatur physician, and one of the county's most revered citizens, died this morning at 8:52 o'clock at his home on South Second street.

Death was attributed to complications and heart trouble following an illness of about three years. He had been seriously ill for the past several days.

Dr. Miller was born in Celina, Ohio, February 14, 1861, the son of Dr. Milton M. and Susan Noble-Miller. He received his medical diploma at Wooster University in Cleveland and later was graduated from Ohio Medical university at Cincinnati.

In 1892 Dr. Miller was married to Sadie M. Archbold. He was prominent in medical and civic circles of the city and county. At one time he served as a member of the city council, and later was named city health officer.

For 17 years he served as county health officer, a position to which he dedicated his life and knowledge of the medical profession, making that office an opportunity to serve the people of the county and educate the citizens in the importance of proper sanitation and the observance of the fundamental principles of health.

He was a faithful and active member of the First Methodist church here. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows lodge of the state and county medical association. He was a past chancellor of the Knights Of Pythias and a past noble grand of the Odd Fellows.

He had been practicing in this city since 1897, specializing in eye, ear, nose and throat treatment.

His widow is the only living near survivor, other than nieces and nephews. Two daughters, two sons, two sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

Funeral Monday

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home and 2 o'clock at the First Methodist church with Rev. R. W. Graham officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

The body will be returned to the home from the S. E. Black funeral parlors Saturday and may be viewed there after 7 p.m. until time for the services. The casket will not be opened at the church.

(Handwritten date: Saturday, 1940)

DR. JAMES M. MILLER DIES AT DECATUR HOME

DECATUR, Ind., Feb. 17 - Funeral services for Dr. James M. Miller, 79, for 17 years county health officer, will be held Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the residence and at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist Church. Burial in the Decatur Cemetery.

Dr. Miller died at his home here Friday of heart disease following an illness of three years. His condition had been serious for several days.

Born in Celina, O., Dr. Miller was prominent in civic affairs here and at one time was a member of the City Council. He was a past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and a past noble grand of the Odd Fellows Lodge. Dr. Miller had practiced in this city since 1897.

Surviving are the widow and several nieces and nephews. The body will be taken from the Black Funeral Home to the residence tonight.

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