

Calvin E. Peterson, 90, retired businessman, dies at home Monday

Calvin Ernest Peterson, 90, of 617 N. Second street, died suddenly in his chair at home at 2:45 pm Monday. A retired clothier, deacon emeritus of the Baptist church, a 33rd degree Mason, former president of the Adams county memorial hospital board, former member of the county election board, former treasurer of the county Republican central committee, and former president of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, he was active in Decatur affairs for more than half a century.

Mr. Peterson had just returned from a walk to the corner of Third street, and had given his coat to his nurse and housekeeper, Mrs. Helen Baughman. As Mrs. Baughman hung up the coat, he sat down in his favorite chair, and suddenly expired. Dr. James M. Burk was called, but he died immediately. No children, brothers, or sisters survive, his nearest relatives being nephews and nieces.

The seventh child of Robert Smith and Fanny Catherine Kunkel Peterson, he was born in Decatur September 16, 1881. He was raised on what is now the Robert Gage farm at the south end of Decatur, and later his parents moved to 617 N. 2nd, where he died.

On June 25, 1912, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Everett, he was married to Ina Pearl Everett, who preceded him in death April 6, 1965. The Rev. T. L. Jones officiated.

Peterson at that time was a member of the firm of Teeple, Brandyberry and Peterson, formed Sep. 17, 1907, and he was in the clothing business in Decatur for 49 years, until his retirement on August 9, 1956, when he sold out to Wayne M. Price. The store was known as Teeple and Peterson after Irvin Brandyberry died, and later, after C. D. Teeple retired, Peterson and Everhard, Peterson & Heller, and finally Peterson's. The store was located in the K. of C. Building where Weis' Men's Wear now is, at northwest corner of Second and Madison.

As a young man, Peterson was well known for his horsemanship, his athletic prowess, and his farming. (Article continues with his board positions, activities in the First Baptist church and Masonic membership.) the Petersons and their lifelong friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrison, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries jointly at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, April 21, 1963. Following his wife's death in 1965, Mr. Peterson sold the furnishings of his home on Fifth street, and moved in with his sister, Elizabeth Peterson, at the old family home at 617 N. 2nd. After his sister died, Mrs. Peterson bought the home from the estate, and stayed there until his death.

Friends may call at the Winteregg-Linn Funeral Home after 10 am Wednesday. Masonic rites will be performed at 7:30 pm Wednesday. Services will be held at the funeral home at 2 pm Thursday, the Rev. Allen B. Roberts officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law, Zina French Peterson, Portland, OR, widow of Richard W. Peterson, and Margaret Bremerkamp Peterson, widow of Thomas M. Peterson, Goshen, IN; 11 nephews and nieces, and a large number of grandnephews,

grandnieces, and great-grandnephews and nieces. Eleven brothers and sisters, and seven nieces and nephews preceded him in death.