

(Handwritten date: Saturday, August 3, 1940)

SAMUEL BLACK DIES SUDDENLY

Decatur Undertaker Dies Suddenly Late Friday Night at Home

S. E. Black, 62, prominent Decatur business man and veteran undertaker, died suddenly last night at 11:30 o'clock at his home on Adams street. Death was attributed to complications.

Mr. Black had been in failing health for the past six years but his condition was not thought serious. He was up and around Friday and apparently was not ill.

He retired about 10:30 o'clock last night, and some time later, members of the family were attracted to his bedside when he became ill. A physician was summoned but he died within a few minutes.

Mr. Black was born on August 15, 1877, a son of David and Mary Ann Weist-Black. He was married to Minnie Waltermire on April 30, 1897.

In 1914 he came to this city from Portland. Here he entered the undertaking business with M. J. Scherer, formerly of this city. In 1918 he purchased Mr. Scherer's interests and became the sole owner of the S. E. Black funeral home. His son-in-law, C. L. Weber, has been associated with him in the business since 1916.

Mr. Black was a member of the First Evangelical church and fraternally was affiliated with the local Masonic lodge, the Moose, Red Men and Knights of Pythias lodges.

He was the last of eight children in his family. Surviving, besides the widow, are three daughters, Mrs. Weber, who has been associated with the funeral home with Mrs. Black as lady attendants; Mrs. Bernard Keller of this city and Mrs. Forrest Badders of Grenada, Mississippi; and six grandchildren.

FUNERAL TUESDAY

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock (CDT) at the Black funeral home, 225 West Adams street, with Rev. George S. Lozier, pastor of the First Evangelical church officiating, assisted by Rev. M. W. Sundermann, of Avilla, former pastor of the local church. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

The body may be viewed at the funeral home after noon Sunday until time for the services Tuesday afternoon.

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DEATH TAKES BEAUTICIAN

Miss Grace E. Malone, 60, Succumbs After Eight-Week Illness

Miss Grace E. Malone, 60, beautician who had been associated with the Rodenbeck Beauty Parlor here during the last 18 years, died at ? a.m. today at St. Joseph's Hospital, where she had been a medical patient since November 29. Miss Malone, whose home was at 1724 West Main street, had been ill eight weeks.

She was a lifelong resident here and was a lifelong member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and a member of the Blessed Virgin Sodality and Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Malone, her father having operated a grocery on West Main Street for many years.

Surviving are five sisters, Miss Jessie, at home; Mrs. Louis A. Ba?? of this city; Mrs. W. A. Oppenham?? of Green Bay, Wis.; Mrs. John ? Kennelly, of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Carl F. Hammerschmidt, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a brother, Earl Malone, of this city, and several nieces and nephews.

The body was taken to the G? & Cahill Funeral Home and may be viewed there after 7 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral services will be held Thursday (cut off)

[Buried Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana]

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