Tuesday, August 25, 1942

Adams County Native Stricken in Court Leroy Crum Victim of Attack Monday

Leroy Crum, 53, a native of Adams County, died suddenly Monday afternoon when stricken with a heart attack while in Superior Court No. 1 at Fort Wayne. He was the defendant in a divorce action brought by his wife, Lillian.

He was stricken just before the case was to be started. First aid was given by a court attaché but was futile. He died in an ambulance enroute to the St. Joseph Hospital.

He had resided in Fort Wayne for the past 30 years. He had suffered from a heart ailment, but was able recently to take employment as a janitor.

The widow, a son, Donald; two daughters, Justine Crum and Mrs. Marvin Sowers of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Charles and Oscar of Fort Wayne, Harry and Homer of Bluffton and Forrest, living in the west; one sister, Mrs. Hibbard High of Kirkland Township, survive.

Funeral arrangements were not complete. The body was taken to the McComb & Sons Funeral Home.

Wednesday, August 26, 1942

Blood Donor, Former Contractor Found Dead

Glen E. Cook, 31, was found dead in bed about 6 am today by his wife at their residence, 2415 Miner Street. Cook was employed in the production department at the Bowser Company for the past month and upon returning from work yesterday felt ill and went to bed. Dr. C. B. Parker, county coroner, will determine the cause.

He was a professional blood donor, submitting to frequent transfusions at St. Joseph's and Lutheran Hospitals, five times in 1942 at St. Joseph's.

Cook was born in Decatur, educated at the public schools there and came to Fort Wayne six years ago. He formerly was a painting and decorating contractor and was a member of the West Creighton Avenue Christian Church. Cook also was a civilian defense block warden.

Surviving are the widow, Mildred Mae; a daughter, Constance; twin children, Norma Elnora and Norman Elmore; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Cook, Adams County; three sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Ehrsam, Monroe, Mrs. Raymond Schott, Decatur, and Miss Neva Cook, Adams County; two brothers, Gale Cook, Adams County, and Corp. Gerard Cook, Camp Forrest, Tenn.

The body was removed to the Getz & Cahill Funeral Home and may be viewed there after 4 pm Thursday.

- Funeral services for Glen E. Cook, professional blood donor and former painting and decorating contactor, who was found dead in bed at his residence at 6 am Wednesday, will be held at 1:30 pm Saturday at the Getz & Cahill Funeral Home and at 2 pm at the West Creighton Avenue Christian Church. The Rev. Ernest L. Harrold will officiate, with burial in the Maplewood Cemetery at Decatur.
- Adams County Historical Museum
- 1942A Scrapbook, image 88-89
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