

Richard Pruden dies at age 53; Chamber official Richard Pruden

Friends here have received word of the death in November of Richard W. (Dick) Pruden, 53, former executive secretary of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, at Good Samaritan Medical Center at Zanesville, O.

Mr. Pruden died Nov. 27 after being a patient at the hospital since Nov. 9. He was the first full time executive secretary of the local Chamber, having been hired following reorganization of the business group in 1950. He served in the local office through 1952.

He was a native of LaPorte and a graduate of the College of Commerce in South Bend, with a degree in business administration. He served five years in the U. S. Air Force during World War ii, receiving his discharge as a captain.

After leaving Decatur, Mr. Pruden was manager of the Chamber of Commerce at Fostoria, O., for two years, then was head of the C. Of C. at Superior, Wis.

He was named executive vice president of the Zanesville Chamber of Commerce Feb. 15, 1961, a position he held at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; three sons, three daughters, two grandchildren, two brothers and five sisters.

Mr. Pruden was a member of the St. Nichola Catholic church, the American Retail Association Executives, Ohio State Council of Retail Merchants, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, and various fraternal and civic organizations. (no date; on same page as article from December 18, 1971)

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