

Merchant's Rites Held

Final Tokens of Respect Paid Edward VanDervoort Monday Morning

Final tribute to Edward R. VanDervoort, 51, Lansing merchant and sportsman, was paid Monday morning when funeral services were held at the Estes-Leadley funeral home.

Mr. VanDervoort, president and general manager of the VanDervoort Hardware company, died unexpectedly last Thursday evening at the family's summer home on the Isle of Pines in Lake Charlevoix.

In attendance at the funeral were persons representing virtually every walk of life. They came not only from Lansing, but many were present from outside the state where his business relations extended. A sea of floral remembrances testified to the esteem and the affection that Mr. VanDervoort had won. He had been a lifelong resident of Lansing.

Active in the national sporting goods field, he was the immediate past president of the sporting goods dealers organization, was a member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and many other business and civic organizations. Mr. VanDervoort had recently been elected president of the national "M" club at the University of Michigan.

Stannard L. Baker, reader for the First Church of Christ, Scientist, officiated at the funeral. Burial was in the family plot in Evergreen cemetery.

Frank Russell, Veteran Employee Of Village, is Dead

Frank Russell, 82, an employee of the village of Nashville for close to half a century, died unexpectedly early Saturday morning, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Hugh McKelvey, on Phillips street. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Otto funeral home with the Rev. Corwin Biebighauser, pastor of the E. U. B. church, officiating. Burial was in Lakeview cemetery.

Mr. Russell was born in Nashville April 30, 1869, the son of Hiram and Helen (Fuller) Russell. As a young

IN MEMORY Sarah L. Seitz

BORN July 29, 1877

DATE OF DEATH August 31, 1952

AGE 75 years, 1 month, 2 days

SERVICES FROM Ward Funeral Home Wednesday, September 3, 2:00 p.m.

CLERGYMAN OFFICIATING Rev. Marcus Taber

FINAL RESTING PLACE Woodlawn Cemetery Vermontville, Michigan

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Casket Bearers Herbert Ames Earl Hadden Ben Siple Melvin Hosey Dick Brumm Blake Makley

man he worked several harvest seasons in North Dakota, operating the steam engine that powered a threshing machine. Except for that and a short time as an engineer in Pontiac, he spent his entire life in Nashville.

Mr. Russell was hired as village water engineer April 10, 1907, and for the next 29 years he operated the steam engines in the old pump house just north of the Thornapple river bridge. After the new well was drilled south of the river and the new diesel-powered pump installed, Mr. Russell continued to serve on the water department under Engineer Ralph Olin. Up until recent years he read water meters and he never broke himself from the habit of going to work every morning at the old pump house. He kept a fire there, where a village truck is stored, was a sort of unofficial custodian of the dog pound, which also is located there, and did many other odd jobs, including saw filing. He was known as the best filer and setter of saws in this part of the country.

In 1946 the state health department voted Mr. Russell the Edward Dunbar-Rich award for a quarter century of meritorious service in maintaining a safe and adequate supply of municipal water.

Mr. Russell never married. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Hugh (Sue) McKelvey of Nashville and Mrs. Will (Gladys) Woodard of Vermontville.