

Sunfield Civic Leader and Businessman Taken by Death



Harry H. Mapes

Funeral services were held Wednesday for one of Sunfield's most beloved citizens, Harry H. Mapes, Mr Mapes, a lifelong resident of the Sunfield area, passed away at his home early Monday morning, June 28, at the age of 87.

He operated a furniture store and was a funeral director here for more than half-a-century. In 1957 he was honored at a testimonial dinner for more than 50 years of civic leadership. He was called "Mr Sunfield". He was a life member of the F&AM Lodge 455 of Sunfield and a charter member of the Sunfield Lions Club.

He was born February 17, 1878 in Danby Township in Ionia County, a son of Alfred and Mary Wells Mapes.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs Mildred Maher of Franklin, Mrs Dorothy Dowd of Berkley, and Mrs Gretchen O'Toole of Sunfield; two sons, Jack and Larry, both of Sunfield; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Eugene Friesen officiated at the 2 p.m. service at Mapes Fisher Funeral Home. Burial was in Sunfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ray Elliott, Harold Hanna, Theo Lenon Elmer Creighton, John Nelson and Perry J. Welch.

Royal C. (Sam) Johnson Passed Away Tuesday

Royal C. (Sam) Johnson, 76, Route 2, well known race horse owner and driver, passed away suddenly at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital Tuesday morning. He was admitted to the hospital Sunday evening.

A lifelong resident of Lake Odessa, he had always lived in the house where he was born on N. Fourth Avenue. His parents were Frank and Abigail Johnson.

Mr. Johnson was a retired mail carrier and farmer, district director of the U.S. Trotting Assoc., Superintendent of Speed of the Southern Michigan Racing Circuit, Ionia Free Fair and Michigan Harness Association and many other harness racing associations. He always took special interest in the children that gathered at the farm to ride the ponies he had. He was a member of the F&AM Lodge No. 395, former member of the Lake Odessa Board of Education and Lake Odessa Fair Assoc. and was active in many other civic organizations.

August 24, 1914 he married Marjorie Stevens of Brinton, who survives, also a son Robert of Belding, one daughter, Mrs. Chester (Betty) Anderson of Grand Haven, 7 grandchildren; one great grandchild; a brother Thomas Johnson of Lake Odessa; a sister Miss Gail Johnson of Spokane, Washington.

Mr. Johnson reposes at the Pickens Funeral Chapel where funeral services will be held Thursday "Haslett" 2 p.m., with

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Age 87, died Monday at a local hospital. Mr. Devlin was born October 8, 1877, in Ireland and had been a resident of Haslett for the past 48 years. He was a former patrolman with the Lansing Police Department, and was employed at MSU for a number of years. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Katherine Murto of Detroit; three sons, Thomas of Lansing, Raymond and Donald of Haslett; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, two brothers, Patrick of Lansing and James of St. Petersburg, Florida; one sister, Mrs. Catherine Dunlap of Lansing. Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church with Father Vincent DeLorenzo officiating. Rosary will be recited Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman East Chapel, East Lansing. Interment in Glendale Cemetery.

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