

# Charles A. Stiles, 79 Vermontville Banker Dies Saturday

Charles Arthur Stiles, 79, prominent Vermontville banker for many years, died Saturday at the hospital at Charlotte.

He started in as a teller in the former Barber State bank in Vermontville in 1910 and rose through the ranks of banking and through several name



changes to become local manager of the Vermontville branch of the Michigan National bank. He retired in 1960.

Mr. Stiles served for many years as Vermontville township clerk and for 30 years was on the Woodlawn cemetery board.

He was a native of the Fowlerville area and came to Vermontville as a youth with his parents. He graduated from Valparaiso University and first worked for the Michigan Central railroad.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Della Welshon of Vermontville and Mrs. Stanley Earl of Kalamo township, and a niece, Mrs. Lloyd Eaton of Charlotte.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Vermontville Methodist church with burial in Woodlawn cemetery. The Vogt funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. F. C. LaMont**  
CHARLOTTE—Mrs. Maude M. LaMont, 77, wife of F. C. LaMont of Route 2, Charlotte, in Carmel Township, died Wednesday evening at the home following an illness of three months. She was born in Brookfield Township, daughter of (Herbert and Mary (Kirby) Parr, and was married to Mr. LaMont in 1912. She was a Gold Star Mother of World War II. Mrs. LaMont is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Roger (Mary Lou) Wight of Fairhaven, N. J.; a son, Dalton LaMont of Charlotte; a granddaughter; three brothers, Lawrence Parr of Auburn Heights, Mich., and Carson and Ion Parr, both of Chester Township near Charlotte.

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**Mrs. Mary I. Cranson**  
CHARLOTTE, May 21—Mrs. Mary I. Cranson, 69, of R. 1, Vermontville, died Sunday evening in a Lansing hospital. Survivors include the husband, Paul; two daughters, Mrs. Cedric Root, Vermontville; and Mrs. Haille Davis, Charlotte; three sons, Jack of Milan; Everett and Bryce, both of Vermontville; four sisters, Mrs. Floy Snyder, Lewiston; Mrs. Hazel Ostrander of the state of Washington; Mrs. Ruth Cranson and Mrs. Bessie Campbell, both of Ypsilanti; two brothers, Walter Parsons, DeLand, Fla., and Ralph Parsons, Ypsilanti, and 18 grandchildren. Services will be at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the Fray funeral home, Charlotte. Burial will be in North cemetery, Ingham county.

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## Ira Smith

Ira Smith, 78, a retired Roxand township farmer, died Friday afternoon, May 18 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Lear, of Route 1, Grand Ledge, following a long illness. He had lived in Eaton county the past 56 years. He was a member of the Vermontville Masonic Lodge and The Mulliken Senior Citizens' club. Other survivors are the widow, Reva, and another daughter, Mrs. Shirley Sleight of rural Charlotte; three sons, Glenn of Grand Ledge, Donald and Elwin of Charlotte; 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, May 21 from the Barker Funeral home, Mulliken, Rev. Harold Jacobs officiated. Burial was in Gresham cemetery. Pallbearers were Albert Lukkarila, Sam Monroe, Clifford Wilmore, Martin Garn, Myron Rogers and Grant Williams.

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