

Chief Dies

J. E. Garlent Succumbs; Was a Pioneer in Motor Industry

Jack E. Garlent, retired director, president and general manager of Motor Wheel corporation, died of a heart attack Tuesday night at his winter home in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He was 73.

Mr. Garlent, who divided his time between Florida and 371 Chesterfield pkwy., East Lansing, died unexpectedly. His wife, Agnes Eva, was with him.

His daughters, Mrs. William J. Findley and Mrs. Catherine Johnson, both of East Lansing, were enroute to Florida to help plan

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return of the body later this week to Estes-Leadley funeral home. Funeral arrangements will be made then.

Surviving besides the widow and daughters are three grandchildren; three brothers, ~~William and Herbert~~ Garlent, both of Canada, and Percy Garlent of Daytona Beach, Fla., and a sister, Mrs. Charles Carter of California.

WAS PIONEER

A pioneer in those industries contributing to the building of today's automobiles, Mr. Garlent retired as president and general manager of Motor Wheel corporation on April 22, 1952. He had been associated with the corporation and Auto Wheel company, one of Motor Wheel's predecessors, since 1919.

Beginning with the Auto Wheel 40 years ago, Mr. Garlent was factory manager when it was merged with Prudden Wheel to form Motor Wheel in 1920. He became factory manager of Plant No. 2 on N. Larch st. and held that position until 1934. That year he was named to the firm's board and placed in charge of all of the corporation's manufacturing.

In 1940 he was named executive vice president of Motor Wheel and seven years later succeeded the late Harry F. Harper as president and general manager. Retiring in 1952, he was succeeded by M F Cotes

Born near Brantford, Ont., Oct. 1885, Mr. Garlent was educat-

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ed in Canadian schools and came to the United States in 1907. He was engaged in the tool and die-making industry for a number of years until he took an executive position with the Brush Runabout company of Detroit. For the next few years he was associated in an executive capacity with the Lion Motor company of Adrian and the Elmore Motor company of Clyde, O. In 1909, he was married to the former Agnes Eva Harding.

From Clyde, O., Mr. Garlent moved to Pontiac as superintendent of the Oakland Motor Car company. He remained there until 1911, when he moved to Hupp Motor Car company, Detroit, as superintendent. The next four years he held that position. From 1915 to 1918, he was factory manager for the King Motor Car company of Detroit. The next year he was factory manager for Harroun Motor company of Wayne. From there he moved to Auto Wheel.

Over the years, Mr. Garlent found time to take part in other than business activities. He was a member of the Masonic Blue lodge at Adrian, Consistory and Shrine in Detroit and Lansing Lodge No. 196, B. P. O. Elks. Other affiliations included the Country Club of Lansing, Automobile Club of Lansing, Lansing Press club and Detroit Athletic club.

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