

[Bailey, Louis E.]

LOUIS BAILEY FUNERAL TO BE FRIDAY

Funeral service for Louis E. Bailey, often characterized by his fellow trade unionists as "the Samuel Gompers of Binghamton," will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the Scholderer Funeral Home, 269 Chenango Street.

The service will be conducted by the Rev. Russell W. Lockwood, pastor of Binghamton's First Universalist Church. Burial will be in Vestal Hills Memorial Park.

Mr. Bailey had been a member of AFL Carpenter's Union locals, first in Scranton, then in Binghamton, (Local 281) Since 1907. He died at home, 37 William Street, early yesterday at the age of 69. The veteran carpenter had been ill since 1949.

During his lifetime, Mr. Bailey held every important office in the Binghamton Central Labor Union, the Binghamton carpenter's local and some major positions in the Binghamton AFL Building Trades Council.

Until the start of his illness, he was one of the oldest working carpenters in the Triple Cities, and one of the staunchest supporters of the trade union principle.

For his devotion to the union cause, Mr. Bailey in 1949 was elected honorary president for life of the AFL.

He once explained his original interest in the union movement by saying, "Back in 1907, when I started in the trade, my wages were \$6 a week—not enough to pay my board bill—and the going was rough."

His training, he once commented, had been devoted to "a powerful lot of time in handling lumber."

Mr. Bailey at one time was a member of the City Planning Commission. Shortly after he was taken ill in 1949, the CLU held an open house that was called "Lou Bailey Day" in the Labor Temple in Water Street.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Bailey; a daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Bailey; and a grandson, William Simms, all of Binghamton; and a brother, George Bailey, of Gibson, Pa.

He was a member of the Universalist Church and the Macabees.

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