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Charles Brigham, Pioneer in Fire Safety, Passes

A funeral service for Charles D. Brigham, of 124 Northumberland Rd., Brighton, a pioneer in fire safety work in the Rochester area, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the Anthony Funeral Home, 2305 Monroe Ave.

The Rev. Donald B. F. Hoyt, First Universalist minister, and the Rev. Arthur R. Cowdery, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, will officiate.

Mr. Brigham, head of the C.D. Brigham Co. for 35 years, died yesterday (Nov. 18, 1958) after a three-week illness. He was 61.

The Brigham Co. is a manufacturer's representative in Western New York for fire safety equipment for industries and municipalities. Mr. Brigham was a member of the Rochester Safety Council. In the 1920s, he had been a charter member of the old Brighton Volunteer Fire Department.

A director of Brighton Kiwanis Club, Mr. Brigham was active in the club's children's work and helped found its 4-H program. He was a member of the Brighton Republican Club and First Universalist Church and a former member of Rochester Sales Executives Club.

He joined the Canadian Army in 1916 but transferred the next year to the U.S. 29th Division from New Jersey. He was a member of Brighton Post, American Legion. In World War II, Mr. Brigham organized the Brighton News Club for servicemen's newspapers.

He leaves his wife, Beatrice McNaught Brigham; three sons, Charles H. of Syracuse, Thomas M. of Fresno, Calif., and Bruce W. of Ardmore, Pa.; a daughter, Mrs. Douglas MacLean of Weston, Conn.; three brothers, Herbert W., Robert H., and John W. Brigham, all of Rochester; nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

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