

[Decker, George F.]

EPHRATA MAN DIES AT WHEEL OF HIS VEHICLE

A 64-year-old Ephratah area man suffered a fatal heart attack yesterday while driving along Lotville Rd. in the Town of Oppenheim.

State Police at Fonda reported George F. Decker was found slumped over the wheel of his car parked along the road, three miles north of the intersection of Route 29, early yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Harold Buckbee of Dolgeville, acting as physician for Dr. John Fernandez, Fulton County coroner, pronounced the man dead as the result of a heart attack. The body was removed to the Smith funeral home in St. Johnsville, later transferred to Dolgeville.

Trooper J. J. Bromford, who investigated, said Decker had apparently felt the seizure coming on while driving and pulled his car to the side of the road.

Mr. Decker was born in Stratford on Oct. 29, 1897, a son of George and Nellie Grimshaw Decker, and resided in Ephratah the last 20 years.

He was employed by the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. in the Gloversville maintenance division.

He was a member of the Universalist Church of Dolgeville, St. Johnsville Lodge, F&AM, the Mohawk Valley Consistory of Utica, the Scottish Rites Club of Utica, the Oppenheim Independent Order of Red Men and the Ephratah Volunteer Fire Department.

In 1920 he married Elizabeth Hartnett, who died in 1924. Three years later he married Grace Perry, who survives together with a half brother, Louis Decker, Utica.

Services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at the Nielsen funeral home in Dolgeville. Burial will be in Salisbury Rural Cemetery.

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