

[Fluhrer, Gerald B.]

Gerald B. Fluhrer, of Albion, County Judge and Surrogate of Orleans county, passed away early last Friday morning in the Homeopathic Hospital in Rochester, where he had undergone an operation the week before. He was getting along nicely when his heart suddenly failed him. He was 47 years old.

Judge Fluhrer was one of the most popular officials in Orleans county and his sudden death caused a shock to his many friends. He served as Democratic chairman of Orleans county many years, and as state committeeman he had represented his party at several national conventions. He was one of the most successful attorneys in this part of the state. At the time of his death he was representing the trustees and creditors in the Lewis B. Sands Company bankruptcy cases and that of the Bean Storage Corporation now before the courts.

Judge Fluhrer was president of the Orleans County Child Welfare Association. He was a member of the Orleans County Bar Association; the Dye Hose Company, Inc., of the Albion Fire Department; the Foresters of America; past master of Renovation Lodge, 97 F. and A. M.; past exalted ruler of Albion Lodge of Elks, a member of the Albion Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. He was a director of the Citizen's National Bank of Albion.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Julia Bishop Fluhrer, who resided with him; his wife, Mrs. Lillian Keown Fluhrer; a step-son, Herbert Lee Keown, also a brother, Howard Fluhrer of Oneonta. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church [of which his father, Rev. Charles Fluhrer, was the first pastor]. More than 2,000 people attended, several lodges of which he was a member attending in a body. Renovation Lodge F. and A. M. had charge of the services at the grave, Rev. L. H. Robinson at the church....

The active bearers were Village Clerk Eugene A. Mahoney, Herbert T. Reed, law partner of Judge Fluhrer; District Attorney William H. Munson, of Medina; Attorney Warner Thompson, Albion; Harry Bickle, Medina and Attorney David A. White, Medina, former law partner of Judge Fluhrer. Honorary bearers were Judge Cuthbert W. Pound, of the Court of Appeals, Lockport; Supreme Court Justice George Larkin, of Buffalo; James P. Quigley, Salamanca; Attorney Thomas L. Hughes, New York; Judson Coann Curtis, Albion; George A. Bowen, Medina. Burial was in Mt. Albion Cemetery.

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[Transcriber's note: I have omitted the names of people from out of town who attended the funeral.]

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