

[Hufnail, Frank E.]

Frank E. Hufnail, Prominent Fort Plain Mason,
Has Fatal Heart Attack While Shopping

FORT PLAIN—Frank E. Hufnail Jr., 69, prominent Fort Plain resident who was active in Masonic circles, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon while shopping in the Big N store at Collins Corners. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Born in Fort Plain, Sept. 29, 1897, a son of Frank E. and Viola Brookman Hufnail, Mr. Hufnail spent his entire life in that village. In 1917 he became employed in the former O'Day Textile Mill there, and in 1956 he formed a corporation with his brother-in-law, James Kelly and Kenneth James, Fultonville, and purchased the mill and business. He had just retired on Nov. 18.

A member of the Universalist Church of the Messiah, Fort Plain, Mr. Hufnail was a former treasurer and was serving as a trustee of the church. He was also a member of the Fort Plain Community Club.

Long active in Masonic work, he became a member of Fort Plain Lodge 433, F&AM, in 1919, and served as its master in 1929. At the time of his death, he had completed 23 years as treasurer of the lodge and had recently been re-elected to that office. He also served as grand sword bearer of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for 1959-60.

In addition, Mr. Hufnail held membership in Hiram Union Chapter 53, RAM, of Canajoharie; Little Falls Commandery, 26, Knights Templar; Ziyara Temple, AAONMS, of Utica; the Amsterdam Shrine Club and the Eastern Shrine Club.

Mr. Hufnail never married. His is survived by two brothers, George Hufnail, New Providence, N.J., and Edward Hufnail, Fort Plain; four sisters, Mrs. Helen Timmerman, Mrs. Mary Selwood, Mrs. Edythe Kelly and Miss Laura Huffnail, all of Fort Plain; one niece and three nephews.

The funeral will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the family home, 49 Center St., Fort Plain, the Rev. Raymond Scott of the Universalist Church of the Messiah, officiating. Interment will be in Fort Plain Cemetery.

Members of Fort Plain Lodge, 433, and sojourning Masons will meet at the Fort Plain Masonic Temple Friday at 7:30 p.m. to proceed to the Hufnail residence where a Masonic service will be conducted at 8 p.m.

Friends may call at the family home after 7 o'clock this evening.

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