

[Lapham, Willard M.]

Willard Lapham Funeral Rites Tomorrow

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon for 87-year-old Willard M. Lapham, whose body was discovered Monday in his apartment at 100 Front Street.

The Rev. Richard M. Woodman, pastor of the First Universalist Church, will officiate at services beginning at 1 p.m. in William R. Chase & Son Funeral Home, 44 Exchange Street. Burial will be in Port Crane Cemetery.

Mr. Lapham, whose full beard and erect carriage made him a familiar figure to many Binghamton residents, apparently had been dead for several days when his body was found, officials said. He died of a blood clot of the brain.

The City Welfare Department is paying the funeral expenses.

Once a prosperous farmer, Mr. Lapham helped support himself by selling books of his own verse in the central city area.

Mr. Woodman said today that only distant relatives of the victim could be located. Mr. Lapham was a member of the First Universalist Church for the last 10 years.

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In Memoriam

Willard Lapham, of Binghamton, died at this home recently. Mr. Lapham will be remembered for his strong independence and as a colorful figure at annual meetings of our State Convention.

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