

[McRorie, Henry]

H. MCRORIE DIES AT 78

Henry McRorie, 78, of 1011 Salina St., a former traffic manager of the St. Regis Paper Co. and a one-time president of the company's Norwood & St. Lawrence Railroad, died at 1:35 Friday afternoon in the House of the Good Samaritan, where he had been a patient since April 3.

The funeral will be at the Northam & Fox Funeral Home at 2 Monday afternoon. Rev. Weston Stephens, pastor of the All Souls Universalist Church, of which Mr. McRorie was a member, will officiate. Burial will be in the family plot at Westford, Otsego county, his birthplace, at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

The family has requested that friends planning to send tributes to contribute to the memorial fund of the All Souls Church in Mr. McRorie's name.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Luella Murphy McRorie, and a brother, Lee McRorie, Cooperstown Junction.

Mr. McRorie, who had been in declining health about a month, became ill April 2. Entering the hospital the next day, he underwent surgery for an abdominal tumor April 8.

His condition was seemingly progressing favorably until Friday morning when he suffered an apparent heart attack and was placed in an oxygen tent.

Mr. McRorie was born Jan. 20, 1891, at Westford, a son of Charles C. and Mary McRorie. In early life he was a cheesemaker with his father. After attending school at Westford, he learned tele[g]raphy at an Albany school and joined the New York Central Railroad. Later, he also completed a correspondence course.

As a young man, he was a railroad telegrapher at Dexter, Oswegatchie, Massena and Brownville, a freight clerk for the railroad at Carthage and a freight billing clerk for the railroad at Lowville.

While he was at Massena, he married a Westford schoolmate, Miss Luella Murphy, in a ceremony performed at the home of her parents in Westford Oct. 31, 1917.

With his wife, Mr. McRorie came to Watertown in 1922 from Lowville when he was appointed freight rate clerk for the railroad, but in 1923 became associated with the St. Regis Paper Co. and was assistant traffic manager of the Norwood & St. Lawrence Railroad.

In May, 1929 he was appointed assistant traffic manager for the paper company and its affiliates under the late Joseph A. Quinlan, who was the general traffic manager. His offices thereafter were in Watertown except for a period of time when he was located at Deferiet.

Later, Mr. McRorie was promoted to eastern freight traffic manager for the St. Regis company in charge of Northern New York and Canadian operation, and he served in that capacity until his retirement July 1, 1957.

For a time he also was general freight agent for the Norwood & St. Lawrence Railroad, in 1949 became a vice president of the railroad as well under Mr. Quinlan and subsequently was the railroad president.

He had been a member of the Rotary Club since December, 1933, and was also a member of the Watertown Lodge of Elks, 496; the Ives Hill Country Club; the Odd Fellows Lodge of Copenhagen; and the Garland Rebekah Lodge, I.O.O.F., of Watertown.

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