

[Merrell, George E.]

Merrell Dies at 65 in Florida

George E. Merrell, former Binghamton district superintendent for the Division of Employment, State Department of Labor, died yesterday in Clearwater, Fla. He was 67.

A family friend said Mr. Merrell suffered a fatal heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Della.

Mr. Merrell became Binghamton district superintendent of the Division of Employment in 1947 and held that post until his retirement at the end of last year. He joined the Labor Department in 1937 and served in various capacities throughout the state before coming to Binghamton.

The body is scheduled to be sent to the J. F. Rice Funeral Home, 150 Main Street, Johnson City, where funeral arrangements are pending. Mr. Merrell was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Binghamton.

A native of New Jersey, Mr. Merrell attended Columbia University. Before joining the Labor Department in 1937, he was general manager of the eastern division of a large manufacturer-distributor of automobile tool equipment and was director of a private employment agency.

His first assignment with the State Department of Labor was to organize and open in Brooklyn a general employment office which, at the time, was the largest in the state.

Mr. Merrell was on sick leave for a period of time before his retirement and moved from his Endwell home to Clearwater before the end of last year.

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