

[Stever, Fred]

FRED STEVER DIED SUNDAY

Well Known Hammondsport and Wayne Man Stricken by Heart Attack

Fred Stever, for many years prominent in Hammondsport and later equally well known in Wayne, died at his home in Wayne, Sunday morning. Seemingly in the best of health, he was stricken by a heart attack as he concluded breakfast with members of his family, his death was a severe shock to a wide number of friends and acquaintances.

The son of Leonard H. and Susan (Miller) Stever, Mr. Stever was born at Branchport on July 28, 1866, and passed his youth in that vicinity, attending school at Penn Yan Academy. He was married on Oct. 4, 1904, to Miss Mabel LeClaire of Bluff Point and they lived in Branchport until moving to Hammondsport in April of 1908.

During the 23 years he lived in Hammondsport, he was in the employ of the Curtiss Manufacturing Co. for some time and was also a partner in the Geo. W. Fay and Co. grocery for eight years. During the latter part of his stay here he was proprietor, first of the Cash Food Store and then of the Market Basket Store. In April, 1931, he moved to Wayne to take charge of the Market Basket there and had continued in that capacity since.

A skilled musician, Mr. Stever played for a long time in the Hammondsport band and in various local orchestras. He belonged to the Rotary Club while living in Hammondsport and still retained membership in the Hammondsport Hook and Ladder Co. He belonged to the Universalist church.

Surviving are the widow, of Wayne; a daughter, Miss Hilda L. Stever, teacher at Remsen, N.Y.; a son, Leonard C. Stever, principal of Sulu High School, Jolo, Philippine Islands; and a son, Ensign Elbert M. Stever, U.S.N., stationed on the U.S.S. Oklahoma, San Pedro, California. Ensign Stever came east by navy plane to attend the funeral services.

He also leaves the following nieces: Miss Ada Shull of Niagara Falls and Mrs. Fred Arland of White Plains; and the following nephews: Ralph Shull of Niagara Falls, Fred G. Shull of New Haven, Conn., and Monroe Shull of Ridgefield Park, N. J.

Funeral services were held from the home at 2:00 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. James Gordon officiating. Burial was at Branchport.—Keuka Grape Belt.

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