

[Stilts, Robert]

Robert Stilts

Middleport—Funeral was to be held today for Robert Stilts, 84, who died at his home Monday (May 7, 1945) after a short illness. He was the son of Thomas H. Stilts and Sarah Parks, and was born at Oak Hill in Steuben County. He celebrated his 84th birthday Apr. 28.

Mr. Stilts was educated at Canandaigua Academy and learned the carpenter trade at Manistique, Mich., from his uncle, David Cooper. He worked at Niagara Falls as a contractor for a number of years, coming to Middleport when the Rich Hotel was built in 1884. He has been president of the Robertson Lumber Company Inc. since it was incorporated in 1926. He was a charter member of IOOF Lodge and a member of Cataract Lodge, F&AM. He was a member of the First Universalist Church and had been treasurer of that organization since 1924.

Surviving are his wife, Lizzie A. Robertson, with whom he celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary last year, and one daughter, Mrs. Robert M. Kinzly of Middleport.

The funeral was to be held in the home at 33 State St. The Rev. George Gay of the First Universalist Church will officiate. Burial will be at Mountain Ridge Cemetery.

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