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Harry D.Van Volkenburg

Harry D. Van Volkenburg, Canal street, Fort Plain, former Montgomery County Veterans Agency service officer and Civil Defense director, died Saturday in Albany Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born May 26, 1895 in Herkimer, the son of David and Anna Mae Steenburg Van Volkenburg and had resided in the Fort Plain—Nelliston community for more than 25 years.

He married Helen Ares, Troy, Jan. 30, 1947, in St. Johnsville. His first wife was the late Leona Young Van Volkenburg.

He was a member of the Universalist Church of the Messiah, Fort Plain Lodge No. 433, F. and A. M., and Mohawk Valley Post No. 3275, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of which he was a past commander. Van Volkenburg also was affiliated with Fort Plain Post No. 554, American Legion, and the Ziyara Shrine of Utica. He was a veteran of World War I, having served as a sergeant in Company L, 311th Infantry of the American Expeditionary Force.

During World War II, he was employed at the Watervliet Arsenal.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Harry C. Van Volkenburg, Fort Plain; a granddaughter and two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Phillips, Herkimer, and Mrs. Alice Burke, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday from the Gray Funeral Home with the Rev. Raymond Scott, pastor of the Universalist Church of the Messiah, officiating. Interment will be made in Fort Plain Cemetery in the spring.

Masonic services were held at 8 o'clock Monday evening at the funeral home.

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