

[Wiles, Ben]

Ben Wiles

Ben Wiles, a native of Van Hornesville, prominent New York attorney, died suddenly last Wednesday in his Syracuse law office, after suffering a heart attack. He was 62 years old. He was a first cousin of Mr. J. Harry Cook of this village.

Mr. Wiles received his bachelor of philosophy at Syracuse University and was graduated from the College of Law in 1908. He practiced law in Utica before entering upon a political career in Syracuse in 1914 as assistant corporation counsel in the administration of Mayor Louis Wills. In 1915 he was Democratic candidate for mayor of Syracuse.

On June 30, 1947, after 27 years as referee in bankruptcy, he resumed private practice with his son, Ben Wiles, Jr., as the firm of Wiles & Wiles.

Mr. Wiles was the son of the late Jay Milton Wiles and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Barbara Stickley Wiles; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Nitchie, Haddonfield, N.J.; and Mrs. William C. Bradford, Evanston, Ill.; four sons, John Stickley Wiles of Portland, Ore., and Ben, Richard, and Peter Wiles of Syracuse; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Bierman of St. Johnsville and Mrs. Clyde Shults of Ossining, and seven grandchildren.

Services were conducted on Friday, December 24 by the Rev. Dr. Ellsworth C. Reamon of Betts Memorial Universalist Church at the funeral parlors of Fairchild and Meech, Syracuse. Temporary burial was in the Morningside vault.

*Otsego Farmer*, Cooperstown NY, Fri. 31 Dec 1948

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