

Lansing, Area Deaths and Funerals



IDUS (IKE) BURGESS

Mechanic

Burgess Dies at 54

Idus "Ike" Burgess, 54, of 2104 Sunnyside Ave., former master mechanic of the Lansing Fire Department, died at a local hospital Thursday night after an extended illness.

Burgess, who retired from the department Feb. 26, 1966, had been hospitalized since April 14. He was a fireman for 27½ years, joining the department Nov. 1, 1938.

He was promoted to assistant master mechanic Feb. 15, 1941, and took over as master mechanic for both the police and fire departments July 1, 1951.

He was active in fire department training and also was instrumental in the formation of a state-wide association of fire department mechanics several years ago.

Surviving him are his wife Ruth; a son, Allen; and a sister, Mrs. William Hambrecht of Decatur, Ill.

Mr. Burgess was a member and past master of Capitol Lodge No. 66 F&AM, a member of DeWitt Clinton Consistory of Grand Rapids, and a member of Elf Khurafeh Temple of Saginaw. He was also a member of the Capitol Caravan Club and was advisor to the Order of DeMolay for many years. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home, with burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery.