

Businessman Ray Flowers Dies At 50

Prominent local businessman L. Ray Flowers, 50, RFD 5, Long Lake, died unexpectedly Tuesday on arrival at Porter Memorial hospital after suffering an apparent heart seizure at his home. Funeral services have been scheduled for Saturday morning.

Flowers, a resident of Valparaiso, for 42 years, operated the Flowers IGA Super Market from 1946 until 1959, when the store was sold to Garden City, for whom he then served as general manager.



The store was destroyed by fire on Feb. 3, 1951. R. Flowers and interest in the business was then sold to Scott Lad Foods. At the time of his death, Flowers was employed as a product coordinator for Scott Lad.

Flowers was owner and builder of the Calumet Plaza, which was opened in August of 1962.

He was a member of St. Paul's Catholic church, BPOE 500, and Loyal Order of Moose.

A 1934 Graduate of Valparaiso High school, Flowers was born July 16, 1914 in Millington, Tenn., the son of Walter and Netta Flowers. On Sept. 9, 1935 in St. Paul's rectory, he married Mary Okun, who survives.

Surviving besides his widow are one son, Lawrence (Bud), of Valparaiso; one daughter, Mrs. Phillip Lawson, of Hebron; his father, W. C. Flowers, of Valparaiso; and one sister, Mrs. Leroy Johnson, also of Valparaiso.

He was preceded in death by his mother and twin brother, Stanley, of Valparaiso.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Dykes Funeral home and at 10 a.m. in St. Paul's church with Msgr. W. Edward Sweigart officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul's cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. Thursday until time of services Saturday. The rosary will be recited in the funeral home at 8 p.m. Friday.

L. Ray Flowers Obituary

Lawrence Ray Flowers (1914-1965) was a son of Walter C. Flowers and Netta Mae Luton. He was born 16 July 1914 in Millington, Shelby County, Tennessee. He married Mary Okun on 9 September 1935 in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana. He died 13 July 1965, in Valparaiso.

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