

Death Comes To Native Of Monrovia

Gerald F. Bartle Passes Following Lingering Illness

Gerald Fremont Bartle, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bartle, well-known pioneer family, died Saturday night at his home, 432 N. Encinitas ave.

Although he had been in ill health for nearly a year, the end came unexpectedly to his large circle of friends.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Doris Bartle; a son, Gerald Fremont Bartle jr.; a sister, Mrs. Kathleen Bartle Brown; aunt, Mrs. Addie Hutchinson; two uncles, Kenneth Bowerman of San Francisco, and Claire C. Bowerman of North Hollywood; cousins, Dr. Kenneth B. Harvey, Miss Eve Harvey, Madeline Hutchinson Hall, all of Monrovia; Bartle M. Harvey of Arcadia, Mrs. William Woodcock of San Gabriel, Duane Bowerman and Mrs. Doris Obedji of North Hollywood, and Mrs. Mabelle Hurst of San Francisco.

Born in Monrovia

Mr. Bartle was born in Monrovia May 3, 1899. He went to the Monrovia schools and was graduated from Monrovia High school. He attended Stanford university, where he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity and from which he was graduated in 1921.

Mr. Bartle followed in his father's footsteps as a banker and from the start showed strong aptitude and marked ability. He entered the Security-First National bank chain, first at Santa Monica, later in Glendale, Monrovia and finally in the main office of the bank in Los Angeles. His father had, shortly after coming to Monrovia in 1886, helped to found the First National

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Bank of Monrovia, being associated with William A. Chess and Joseph Sartori, who later went on to be president of the Security-First National and one of the best-known bankers in the southwest.

The First National, managed and operated for many years by Mr. Bartle and Mr. Chess, later became the Monrovia branch of the Security-First.

Gerald Bartle was a veteran of the First World War and a member of Monrovia Post 44, American Legion. During the Second World War he gave up his work as a banker and joined Lockheed Aircraft, where he was supervisor in the finance division.

Retained Local Interest

Although his business kept him out of the city much of the time, he retained his interest in local affairs and was an active member of Monrovia Presbyterian church, Monrovia Tennis club and Monrovia Chamber of Commerce.

Services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the Presbyterian church, with the pastor, Rev. Haven N. Davis, officiating, assisted by Rev. Kenneth S. McLennan. W. B. Temple mortuary will be in charge. Interment will be in the family plot in Live Oak cemetery.