



CHARLES C. WHITLOCK

Sudden Attack Proves Fatal to Ex-Prosecutor

Charles C. Whitlock, prominent Terre Haute attorney and former Vigo county prosecutor, died early Saturday morning at Rose Home, Twenty-fifth street and Wabash avenue. He was 80 years of age. His residence was located at 1000 South Seventh street.

Although Mr. Whitlock had retired as chief deputy prosecutor last year due to ill health after having served only a few months following his Jan. 1 1959, appointment by County Prosecutor Ralph Berry, he had been in better health during the last two months, informed sources said.

He awoke Saturday asking his nurse how long he could continue to sleep and was told "about an other hour." Within five minutes he suffered an apparent heart attack and died.

Mr. Whitlock had been a leader in Democratic political circles in Terre Haute, Vigo county and the state for many years, having served two terms as prosecutor in the period dating from 1930.

He had preceeded his election with experience as chief deputy prosecutor under Albert R. Owens, present judge of Vigo Superior Court No. 2.

Formed Law Partnership.

This public service dated from 1909 through 1912 following which Judge Owens and he formed the law partnership of Whitlock & Owens. This was continued here a number of years until each was called into further political fields.

Of Whitlock, Judge Owens reflected: "He was the most resourceful lawyer I ever knew. He searched for the law and when he found it, he was fearless in declaring its application in any court in which he practiced."

chief deputy prosecutor was termed by Prosecutor Berry as "invaluable service to myself and the general public."

"His experience and advice were of immeasurable assistance to me in establishing the work and policies of the prosecutor's office in the fullest understanding of the law and best interest of the public."

Was Spanish War Veteran.

Mr. Whitlock was born on a farm in Vermillion County, Ill., but had lived most of his life in Terre Haute. He married Miss Birdella Smith, sister of Mrs. Anton Hulman Sr. Mrs. Whitlock died about four years ago.

During the Spanish American War, Mr Whitlock served as a member of the famous Company B of Indiana, actually the Indiana National Guard which went into battle as a single unit when war was announced.

Surviving are two daughters, Judge Betty Willey of Minneapolis, Minn., one of the country's most outstanding women barristers, and Miss Peggy Whitlock, teacher in the schools of Washington, D. C.; one son, Douglas, prominent attorney in the nation's capital; three grand children and several great-grandchildren.

The body was removed to the Frank M. Patrick J Ryan Funeral Home where friends may call after noon Sunday. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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Funeral services for Charles C. Whitlock, 80-year-old Terre Haute attorney and former Vigo county prosecutor, who died Saturday, will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The Rev. Thomas Mabley will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Lawn cemetery.

He is survived by two daughters, Judge Betty Willey of Minneapolis, Minn., one of the country's outstanding women barristers, and Miss Peggy Whitlock, who is associated with the Devereux school system in Devron, Pa.; one son, Douglas, a prominent Washington, D. C., attorney; three brothers, George of Riley, Ind.; Roy of Ridge Farm, Ill., and Basil of Terre Haute; one sister, Mrs. Elmer Ashmead of Terre Haute; five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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Whitlock resided at 1000 South Seventh street. He retired in 1959 as chief deputy prosecutor due to ill health, but was in better health during the last two months. His death occurred at the Rose Home, Twenty-fifth street and Wabash avenue.

Friends may call at the Frank M. Patrick J. Ryan Funeral Home after noon Sunday. The body will be taken to the church one hour before service time.

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