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## Former Local Man Dies in Mt. Carmel

Ezra Morgan, 86, of 231 South Hickory Street, Mount Carmel, former Shamokin resident and a professional baseball player, died this morning at 4:55 in Shamokin Hospital from pneumonia.

Mr. Morgan had been a guest at the Philippine Nursing Home, Elysburg, since last June. He was admitted to the hospital last evening.

A native of Llewellyn, Schuylkill County, Mr. Morgan was born February 13, 1873, a son of the late Edmund and Rebecca (Cockill) Morgan. He spent his boyhood in Llewellyn. The family later moved to Shamokin, where Mr. Morgan learned the wheelwright trade. He and a brother, the late Farnk Morgan, were partners in a wagon building business. Mr. Morgan's father was a timber contractor for the former Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company.

With exceptional talent as a baseball player, Mr. Morgan played professional ball as an outfielder in Shamokin. He became one of the first professional baseball players to leave Shamokin, first playing with a team in Lock Haven, and then going to the Mid-West to play with Minneapolis in the American Association loop. He later played with St. Joseph, Mo., in the Western League.

Mr. Morgan later was transferred to the New England States and performed with the old Connecticut League. While in Bridgeport, Conn., he met and married Miss Cora Belle Burgess in 1901, and several years later, they moved to Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan moved to Mount Carmel in 1905.

The widely known Mount Carmel man operated a pocket billiard parlor and bowling alley in Mount Carmel for years. His last employment was as a billiard table salesman and repairman.

Mr. Morgan's wife died on December 18, 1956. A son, Burgess F. Morgan, sports editor of the Mount Carmel Item, is the only immediate survivor. There are three grandchildren. Mr. Morgan, known as "Ez" Morgan, was the last member of a family of six brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 in Rothermel Funeral Home, Mount Carmel. Burial will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday evening, from 7:00 until 9:00.

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