

M. J. 'Monte' Priest, . Formerly Southern League Pitcher, Dies

Funeral services for Morey J. (Monte) Priest, 42, formerly a well-known pitcher in the Southern league and in recent years a business man of Birmingham, will be held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Dorris-Karsch funeral home with the Rev. Willard H. Blue officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Mr. Priest died at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. C. Benedict, seven miles out Ewing's road, at noon Friday following several weeks' illness. He was ill when he reached here three weeks ago from Birmingham.

Mr. Priest was born in College Grove, but was reared here. He attended Howard school and Montgomery Bell Academy. It was at M. B. A. that he began the baseball playing that led him into that sport as a professional. He was on the Nashville team about 1919 and 1920. He was also pitcher for Little Rock, Chattanooga and other Southern league teams. Later, he was in the American league.

Retiring in 1926, Mr. Priest located in Birmingham, where he engaged in the real estate business with his brother. He was formerly a member of the Elm Street Methodist church here.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Laura Jordan Priest, of Nashville; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Goodwin of Los Angeles, Mrs. Benedict and Mrs. Frank Foster of Nashville; and two brothers, J. H. Priest of Birmingham and M. H. Priest of Evansville, Ind.

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