

## Jacob Forred, 88, Former Shamokin Business Man, Dies

Jacob T. Forred, 88, of 117 South Market Street, widely known former baseball player and enthusiast and former local business man, died yesterday afternoon at 3:40 in his home. Death, due to a heart ailment, terminated an illness of nine months' duration.

A son of the late Jacob T. and Rhoda P. (Kear) Forred, both formerly of Danville, Mr. Forred was born in Danville, December 12, 1869. He attended public school in Danville and in Shamokin, and was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. He was a resident of the community for more than 70 years.

Mr. Forred operated a confectionery store at 34-36 South Market Street, now the site of Povish Confectionery, from 1915 until he retired in 1948. He opened a confectionery store in 1908 at 48 South Market Street, where he conducted the business until 1915.

At the age of 16, Mr. Forred worked as a door boy at the former Cameron Colliery, where he later was employed as a steel sharpener. After leaving the colliery, he served for many years as a motorman on the former Edgewood trolley line.

As a professional baseball player, he played in the former New England League for Lewiston, Maine, during the middle and late 1890s. Later, he served several years as a baseball umpire in the Atlantic League. He was a former president and secretary of the Tri-State League.

Maintaining an active interest in baseball and other sports during the major portion of his life, Mr. Forred was acquainted with many prominent baseball personalities. Through these acquaintances, he helped in the advancement of many young baseball players from the region.

Mr. Forred was married September 23, 1891, in Trinity Episcopal Church, Shamokin, to the former Miss Dolly May, who died February 9, 1924.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Unitt Forred Geist, at home, and Mrs. T. Leon Eddy, Shamokin; three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 3:00 in Farrow Funeral Home, Sixth and Chestnut Streets. Rev. Charles Flook, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Shamokin Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday evening, from 7:00 to 9:00, and Monday until time of services.

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