

Bloomington Normal Deaths

Merle Edmunds Sr.

The funeral of Merle Edmunds Sr., 87, of 1207 S. Oak St., who died Monday, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Kibler-Smith Memorial Home. The Rev. Louis Youngs will officiate, with burial in Park Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. today at the memorial home. Masonic Lodge 43 will have a service at 7 tonight.

Mr. Edmunds was a manager and agent for State Farm Insurance Companies in Austin and San Antonio, Texas.

He was a former professional baseball player. He played with San Antonio in the Texas League and with Bloomington in the old Three Eye League. Mr. Edmunds was with the Boston Red Sox for two years prior to entering the service in World War I.

Mr. Edmunds was born May 17, 1891, in Gonzales, Texas, a son of Nicholas and Sarah Wilkenson Edmunds. He married Clara W. Walters on April 16, 1918, at Franklin, Pa. She died Aug. 25, 1978.

Survivors include two sons, Merle Edmunds Jr., 1412 Croxton Ave., apt Norman, San Antonio; two daughters, Minerva Lierman, 1114 S. Oak St., and Geraldine Mohr, 1002 W. Front St.; a brother, Sterling, Livingston, Texas; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

He was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge 43. He was a veteran of World War I.

Memorials may be made to the church.

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