

Ernest A. Rice, 51, Local Accountant, Dies

Ernest A. Rice, 51, 567 Tingler Road, died Tuesday at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis following an illness of three months.

He taught night school accounting classes at Richmond High School seven years and was employed as an accountant at Philco-Ford in Connersville. He also maintained a public accountant and tax consultant office at 421 South Fifth St.

He had been employed at Richmond Supply Corp. for 21 years and had served as executive vice president of the firm.

A native of Richmond, he was graduated from Morton High School in 1939, and was a graduate of West Virginia State College and took post-graduate work at Indiana University extension. He also was a veteran of World War II.

A member of Bethel A.M.E. Church and the National Accounting Association, he was on the board of directors of the Boys' Club, Onyx Lodge, American Legion, Esquire Club and Alpha Psi Alpha Fraternity.

Survivors include his widow, Bette; one son, Alan, at home; one stepson, Michael Spicer of Minneapolis, Minn.; his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. John Dillard of Richmond; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Owens of Cleveland, Ohio; four brothers, Emmett and Harry of Richmond, How-



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ard of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Robert of Dayton, Ohio; two aunts and nieces and nephews.

Services for Mr. Rice will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Bethel A.M.E. Church with Rev. J. P. Henning officiating. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Patterson Funeral Home where memorial services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, opened by the Onyx Lodge No. 479, and followed by the Moore-Irvin Post No. 359 of the American Legion.