

Donald Luke Dies; Hit-and-Run Victim

Donald Luke, 67, formerly engaged in newspaper work in Syracuse and other New York State cities, died yesterday morning in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., from injuries suffered on the highway. He was a hit-and-run victim, according to word received by members of his family here.

R. H. Starks Funeral on Wednesday

WEEDSPORT—Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Roland H. Starks, 48, of the C&L Trailer Court, Fairmount Corners, who died yesterday morning in Syracuse Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

They will take place at 11 a.m. at the Kinney Funeral Home, Weedsport. Burial in Weedsport Rural Cemetery. Friends may call 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today and tomorrow at the funeral home.

Mr. Starks was the owner and operator of the Starks' Fairmount Diner three years. Born in Weedsport, he attended Weedsport High School. He was a veteran of World War II and was a member of American Legion Clark Heck Post 568 of Weedsport.

He was a former food concessionaire with several eastern traveling shows.

Mr. Stark is survived by his wife, Marie; his mother, Mrs. Teresa Starks of Syracuse; his stepmother, Mrs. Nettie Starks of Weedsport, several aunts and uncles.

R. H. Kratz, Oneida, Dies

Richard H. Kratz, 45, of 305 Bennett St., Oneida, died yes-

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Luke, of Little Utica, near Baldwinsville, and grew up on the farm there. In World War I, he served in the Army on the Mexican border. Afterward he entered newspaper work on the staff of the Syracuse Herald.

Subsequently he worked on papers in principal cities and one time headed the copy desk of the New York American. In impaired health in recent years he was a patient in Veteran Administration facilities around Washington.

His brother, Arthur Luke of Sherrill, and a nephew, Leonard Luke of Syracuse, went to the capital to arrange for the funeral and burial in a military plot.

He suffered head and body injuries in the accident Saturday night and died about 9:30 a.m.

It was reported the identity of the motorist involved is unknown by authorities.

He is survived additionally by his brothers, Ernest Luke, Syracuse; Reginald Luke, Plainville; Philip Luke, Little Utica; Gerald Luke, Rochester; Kenneth Luke, Spokane, Wash., and his sisters, Mrs. George Osmond, Baldwinsville; Miss Frances Luke, Syracuse; Mrs. George Johnson and Miss Ruth Luke, Los Angeles.

The father and sons successively taught in the district schoolhouse near Little Utica and the sisters went on to teaching careers.

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