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Joseph Coffee dies suddenly last night

Joseph F. Coffee, 75, of 121 North Eight street, retired postal employee, died suddenly at 10 p.m. Tuesday at the Adams county memorial hospital where he had been admitted early in the evening. He had not been ill and death was unexpected.

He was employed for 29 years at Decatur Produce, 18 years at the Decatur post office, and five years as sexton of the Catholic cemetery before retiring.

A lifelong resident of this city, he was born in Decatur Nov. 27, 1892, a son of John W. and Barbara Weiland Coffee, and was married to Estella Niblick Hebble Aug. 18, 1924.

Mr. Coffee was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, Holy Name Society, Third Order of St. Francis, Loyal Order of Moose, Adams Post 43, American Legion and the Retired Postal Employees Association.

Surviving are his wife; three sons, Dr. Harry Hebble, W. Franklin Hebble and Vernon B. Hebble, Sr., all of Decatur; one daughter, Mrs. Herman (Catherine) Ulman of Decatur; two sisters, Miss Rose Coffee and Miss Mary Coffee, both of Decatur; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. One daughter, Iris, and one brother are deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. Friends may call at the Winteregg-Linn funeral home after 7 p.m. today until time of the services. The Loyal Order of Moose will hold services at 7 p.m. Thursday. The Holy name society and the Third Order of St. Francis will combine to recite the rosary at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Military rites will be conducted by Adams Post 43, American Legion, at graveside.

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