

Roger Ludy, Native Of Winchester, Is Dead At Portland

Portland, Ind., Jan. 3 - John Roger Ludy, 53, manager of the Hines and Princes theatres here, died suddenly of a heart attack yesterday morning while seated at his desk in the office of the Hines theatre. His body was found slumped over the desk by a theatre employe at 11:20 o'clock. He had been in his usual good health, when he left home a few hours earlier.

A native of Winchester, he was widely known throughout Indiana theatre circles, With his brother, Charles, of Indianapolis, and his father, William, he owned two small theatres in Portland at one time. He was a partner in the Teenie Weenie circus and also operated an entertainment booking agency. He was a drummer and had traveled with bands accompanying circuses and shows before entering the theatre business.

Mr. Ludy was the founder of the annual Kids' day held here. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and the American Legion, being a World War I veteran. With three other Portland veterans whose birthdays are on November 10, he had formed a Last Man's club.

Surviving are the widow, Lucile; three sisters, Mrs. Mildred Stout of Bluffton, Mrs. Martha Brethren and Mrs. Duerty, both of Indianapolis, and one brother.

Mr. Ludy was born just east of Winchester, his father, before moving to Portland with his family, being an employe of the G. R. & I. in Winchester.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Baird chapel, in charge of Rev. Dale C. Beatty, of Columbia City. Burial will be in Green Park cemetery, where the Legion will give the final rites.

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