

Former Police Chief Passes Early Sunday

Edward (Cap) Loper, 59, a former Portland chief of police, died suddenly early Sunday, at 12:30 o'clock when he collapsed while walking at the intersection of North Meridian and Walnut streets. He was rushed to the Jay County Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Loper had started to drive from his home to the water works plant when his car stalled in the snow at North Meridian and Arch streets. Presumably he had started to walk to the plan when he was stricken with a heart attack.

The body was removed to the Baird funeral home where friends may call. The military funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Baird Chapel. Interment will be in Pennville I. O. O. F. cemetery, where the American Legion will conduct their rites.

Loper was born in Jay County on March 19, 1891, the son of James and Mary (Nelson) Loper. He was married on June 19, 1919, to Bertha A. Stout, who survives with two sons, Eugene and James Loper of Dayton, o.; one daughter, Mrs. Paul McCrory of Portland; two grandchildren; one brother, Jesse Loper of Portland; three half-brothers, Roy Lanning, Haskell Lanning and Charles Loper, all of Portland.

He served as First Lieutenant in the Mexican Border Campaign, served overseas in World War I and was an active member of the American Legion Post 211 being Commander of the Post in 1940. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge and chief of city police for nine years.

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