

John N. Laird

Occupant Name: John D. Laird

Location: Section C

Date of Birth: 1/14/1908

Date of Death: 8/17/1952

Date of Burial: 1952

Veteran: Yes- 6841 Quarter Master Depot

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



John D. Laird Dies Suddenly Of Heart Attack

Residents of Brownstown and community were shocked and grieved Sunday morning when they learned of the sudden death of John D. Laird, one of Brownstown's best-known and well-liked citizens, which occurred shortly after three o'clock that morning at his home on Walnut street.

Although Mr. Laird had suffered from a coronary condition for more than ten years he apparently was in the best of health Saturday evening. He and Mrs. Laird called on friends until about 11 o'clock and Mr. Laird read until about 1 o'clock. About 3 o'clock Sunday morning Mrs. Laird was awakened by an unusual noise and found Mr. Laird on the floor. A Brownstown physician was summoned immediately but Mr. Laird was dead by the time he arrived.

A native of Delphi, Indiana, Mr. Laird was born on January 14, 1908, the son of the late Lincoln and Flora Popejoy Laird. He attended school at Coal City and Kokomo and moved to Jackson county in 1930. During those twenty-two years of residence here he has filled an important place in the community and has won the respect and friendship of a legion of friends.

For several years after coming to this county he farmed west of Brownstown in the Gos Mill community and later was a member of the shop personnel at the Brownstown Motor Sales. On October 22, 1942, he entered the United States Army and served with Quartermaster Corps in the European Theatre of War for thirty months, receiving a medical discharge on November 25, 1945, from Camp Atterbury.

On March 6, 1950, he was appointed a rural letter carrier out of the Brownstown post office and during the slightly more than two years he served in this capacity he won the respect and admiration of the patrons on his route for his courtesy, friendliness and thoughtfulness.

On June 27, 1942, he was married to Miss Millicent Doerr, of Brownstown, at Bloomfield, In-

diana, and they have made their home in Brownstown since that time.

Mr. Laird had always taken an active part in civic and fraternal groups in Brownstown. He was a member of Washington Lodge, No. 13, Free & Accepted Masons, of Jackson Post, No. 112, American Legion, which he served last year as commander and was to have been installed for a second term in this office next month. He also was a member of the Brownstown Post No. 775, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of the Ratcliff Grove Christian Church and the Jackson County chapter of Rural Letter Carriers' Association. He also was a member of the Ninth District Association which he served as president last year and by virtue of this office was chairman of the district convention held in Brownstown last spring.

He was graduated from the Dale Carnegie course several months ago and was to have been a charter member of the Carnegie International Club which is to be organized in the near future.

Surviving in addition to the widow, who also is well known in Brownstown and community for her many civic interests, is a sister, Mrs. Walter G. Merrick, of Hope.

Funeral rites were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Winklepleck Funeral Home with the Rev. E. E. Pedicord, a Christian minister, bringing the funeral meditation. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery. Masonic burial rites were conducted by members of Washington Lodge and military rites by members of Camp Jackson Post, American Legion and the V. F. W.