

OBITUARY

Wm. H. Ayers Dies; Veteran Bike Fixer

William H. Ayers, a retired painter and a member of the Hackettstown Exempt Firemen's Association, died suddenly at his home, 304 Sharp Street, on Monday night after being in failing health for a year. He was born in Chatham and observed his 75th birthday last October.

Mr. Ayers was associated with his brother, Ross of Franklin Street, in the painting business. He also repaired bicycles for nearly 50 years, having a shop built in the rear of his home in 1905, where he estimated he had done repair jobs on over 3,000 bikes.

Besides his brother, he leaves his wife, Mrs. Lucy Hartman Ayers; one son, William, Jr., of Lake Hiawatha, and four grandchildren. Mr. Ayers was a member of Trinity Methodist Church and the Knights of the Golden Eagles.

The Rev. Frank T. Reed of Trinity Methodist Church will conduct services at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the Cochran Funeral Home. Burial will be in Hackettstown Union Cemetery. Firemen will act as pallbearers.

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NAME: William H. Ayers

DATE OF DEATH: December 21, 1953