

JAMES A. KNAPP

Services for James A. Knapp, who had operated retail businesses in Hackettstown for more than 25 years, were held Saturday morning at the Cochran Funeral Home on High Street.

Mr. Knapp was pronounced dead on arrival at Warren Hospital in Phillipsburg, last Wednesday morning, April 4, 1973. He was taken there by the Belvidere Rescue Squad after his eastbound car ran off Route 46 and struck a guard-rail between Bridgeville and Belvidere at 5:15 a.m. State Police of the Blairstown barracks who investigated the accident said a report from Dr. N.C. Marlett, Warren County medical examiner, showed that the driver, who was alone in the car, died of a heart attack.

Mr. Knapp had started early for a business meeting in New York State and had apparently turned around to head back home before he suffered the fatal attack. His residence was at 10 Hemlock Court, Beattystown.

Born June 21, 1914, in Oneonta, N.Y., he was a son of the late Clarence J. and Margaret Andrus Knapp. He was raised in Stroudsburg, Pa., and was a graduate of East Stroudsburg High School. He came to Hackettstown in 1936 as an employee of the Wyckoff-Sears retail store, then at 124 Main Street, and during World War II was in the shipping department of the former American Saw Mill & Machinery Company.

In 1946 he purchased the stationery, confectionery and newsstand business of the late Louis Levitt, now the Jigger Shoppe, at 186 Main Street, which he operated until 1961 when he converted his store, now at 179 Main, to become an Authorized Catalog Merchant for the Sears Roebuck Company. He also continued an office supply business which he had established earlier before he moved from 186 Main Street.

During the 1950's Mr. Knapp served as director of Civil Defense and Disaster Control in Hackettstown. He was a former member of the Hackettstown Township Board of Education. Fraternally, he was a

member of Independence Lodge No. 42 F. and A.M. of Hackettstown.

Surviving are his wife, the former Anne Cooke, who was also from Stroudsburg, and four daughters, Mrs. William H. (Carol) Hart of Hackettstown, Mrs. Allan (Dianne) Thorn of Chatham, Mrs. Curtis (Sally) Stewart of Washington, and Beth, at home. He also leaves four grand children.

The Rev. J. H. Criswell of the First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown conducted the funeral. Masonic rites were held Friday evening. Burial was in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

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OBITUARY: James A. Knapp
Date of Death,
April 7, 1973