

Sybolt Tonkens Dead: Longtime Local Leader

HACKETTSTOWN — Funeral services for Sybolt Tonkens, a community leader in the Hackettstown area for many years, will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow (Friday) at the Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown.

Mr. Tonkens of 19 Pleasant Grove Road, Schooley's Mountain died Tuesday at Heath Village. He was 87.

A retired dairy farmer, Mr. Tonkens formerly had served as a director of the Hackettstown National Bank (now First National State Bank of Northwest Jersey), a member and chairman of the Washington Township (Morris County) Committee and organizer and first president of the Hackettstown Livestock Cooperative Auction Market.

Born December 6, 1885, in Gronigen, Holland, Mr. Tonkens came to the United States in 1903 and became an American citizen in 1916. He moved to the Hackettstown

area in 1921 after buying a farm on Budd Lake Road and later purchased his Schooley's Mountain farm. An active dairyman, he was president of the Welsh Producers Association and served as a trustee of the United Milk Producers from 1934 to 1941.

He was a life member of the Schooley's Mountain Fire Protective Association and a privileged member of the Hackettstown Kiwanis Club. A Mason, he was a member of Commonwealth Lodge Orient Chapter, Clinton Commandery, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Kismet Temple, Brooklyn.

Mr. Tonkens wife, Alice, died in 1972. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Bruce C. Stout of Hackettstown and Mrs. Lovely Wilkinson of Falmouth, Mass., and six grandchildren.

The Rev. Clarence W. Sickles, executive director of Heath Village, will officiate at services tomorrow morning. Interment will be in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

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OBITUARY: Sybolt Tonkens
Date of Death,
September 18, 1973