

Gilman T. Nordhousen Dies; Long A Fargo Forum Printer

Gilman Theodore Nordhousen, 71, of 1438 12th Ave. S., retired linotype operator for The Fargo Forum, died unexpectedly about 9 p. m. Sunday in a Fargo hospital.

Mr. Nordhousen had retired about three years ago. He had fractured a hip in April, 1953, and had entered the hospital to undergo corrective surgery last Wednesday.

He was apparently making satisfactory progress toward recovery when he was stricken Sunday. Death was believed due to a heart attack.

The funeral will be at 3:30 Wednesday in Hanson-Runsvold Chapel.

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Mr. Nordhousen was born in Northwood, then Dakota Territory, Oct. 17, 1884. When he was five years old he contracted scarlet fever and as a result he became deaf.

The family moved to a homestead where the city of Aneta now stands when he was six, his father operating a blacksmith shop. When he was eight he entered the school for the deaf at Devils Lake, N. D., and he was educated there and in Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C.

While in the school for the deaf he learned to set type by hand for



GILMAN T. NORDHOUGEN

the North Dakota Banner. Saturdays, he worked for the Devils Lake Inter-Ocean, predecessor of the Devils Lake Daily Journal. At the age of 13, he took summer work with the Cooperstown (N.D.) Sentinel, the family then residing in Cooperstown.

He also was employed at times in Finley, Knox and Pleasant Lake, N. D. Later he homesteaded in western North Dakota but sold his rights soon and went to the west coast. In 1910 he went to Chicago and learned to operate a linotype machine in a technical school there.

He worked as a linotype operator at Escanaba, Mich., and Green Bay, Wis., and was instructor in printing at the school for the deaf a year before coming to Fargo permanently in 1919. Previously he had worked here briefly and also in Minneapolis, La Crosse, Wis., and Des Moines, Iowa.

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He joined the Forum staff in 1919 and had been a member until retiring. He married Elizabeth Lemke in Grand Forks May 9, 1920. Besides his wife he leaves three sons, Alvin Leslie of rural Fargo, who is head machinist for The Fargo Forum, Robert Reginald of Bismarck and Paul Austin of 804 4th Ave. S.; a brother, Gustaf of Leeds, N. D.; a sister, Mrs. Ebba Coughlin, in Montana, and five grandchildren. Two brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Mr. Nordhousen was an uncle of former State Senator Orris Nordhousen of Leeds.

A member of First Lutheran Church and of the Fargo Typographical Union, he was a past president of the North Dakota Assn. of the Deaf and was first president of the Red River Valley Assn. of the Deaf. He had also helped organize the Washington State Assn. of the Deaf in Vancouver.

His hobbies were chess and coin collecting.

G. T. Nordhousen Funeral Today

The Rev. W. O. Ferber will officiate at the funeral at 3:30 p. m. today in Hanson-Runsvold Chapel for Gilman T. Nordhousen, 71, of 1438 12th Ave. S.

Mrs. Halvor Erisksmoen will sing with Mrs. F. M. Cleveland organist. Pallbearers will be associates from the composing room of The Fargo Forum, W. E. Allen, Charles E. Stahl, Frank E. Brown, Harry R. Drew, Winfield Schley and Clarence Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers will be Victor Mattson, August Pederson, William Carlson, Roy Ward, Olaf Gronaas, Claude Myers, Erling Erickson, Nicholas Braunagel, Robert Phinney and Olaf Brodsho.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery. Mr. Nordhousen, a retired linotype operator for The Fargo Forum, died Sunday.