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Monday, July 23, 1962

Conduct Funeral Rites Today For Robt. Stevenson

Robert S. Stevenson, 38, 1402 Reed Street, died suddenly Thursday evening at his home.

Services were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Stephen Epler, interim pastor of the Christian church, officiating. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Community hospital building fund.

Vocal music at the services was provided by Mrs. Don Thompson, accompanied by Miss Sue Ann Ryan at the organ. Pallbearers were Alfred Carey, Conrad Carey, Willard Hagen, Floyd Postma, Ralph Snider, and Mel Van Wechel. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.

He was the son of Robert F. and Mary Elsie Howerton Stevenson and was born on Jan. 17, 1924, at Hammond, Ind. He attended the grade schools and high school of Hammond.

On Dec. 14th, 1942, he enlisted in the Air Corps at Chicago, Ill. After attending flight schools in California and Arizona, he served as a pilot overseas with the 409th Bomb Group. He received the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters as a result of campaigns over the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe and was discharged as a 1st Lieutenant on Oct. 21st, 1945, at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

On Oct. 20th, 1945, he was united in marriage with Corinne Carey at Mammond, Ind., by the Rev. B. W. Carrier. To this union were born two sons, Stanley Robert, 13, and Joel Brent, 5, both of the family home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson lived for a short time in Hammond and at Cedar Rapids before moving to Grinnell in 1946. He was employed at the Van Wechel Motor Sales Co. as service manager.

Surviving besides his parents, wife and two children are a brother, Oliver W. Stevenson of Hammond, Ind., and a sister, Mrs. Robert (Arliss) DeCamp of Calumet City, Ill.