

Dr. Charles A. McNeil Dies At His Home

Been Practicing Physician In Sedalia Since 1906

Dr. Charles A. McNeil a practicing physician in Sedalia since 1906, one of the best known and well liked citizens, died at his home, 1123 West Seventh street, about 7:00 o'clock Wednesday evening. About a half hour before he complained of feeling ill and went upstairs to his bedroom. Mrs. McNeil called Dr. A. L. Walter and Dr. A. E. Monroe, both answering the call quickly, and were with him when he passed away shortly after their arrival. Death was due to angina pectoris, a heart condition.



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Dr. McNeil suffered two light strokes more than a year ago, retired shortly afterward from general practice, closed his office downtown, and made calls occasionally or saw patients at his home. He had been in fairly good health, and only a short time before he became ill Wednesday night had been sitting on the porch of his home chatting with a neighbor.

Practiced Many Years

Dr. McNeil was born in Elston, Cole County, Mo., December 29, 1875. The town was named for his grandfather Major Elston. He was educated principally in the grade schools there, attended the Otterville College and the Central Missouri's State Teachers College, Warrensburg.

After his graduation he taught for five years in the schools of Pettis and Morgan counties, then entered the medical school of the St. Louis University St. Louis. He was graduated from that school in 1905. He remained in St. Louis six or eight months, and was sent to Sedalia to become second house surgeon with the Missouri, Kansas, Texas railroad. He remained there from January 1, 1906 until June 1909, when he began his general practice in Sedalia.

On October 22, 1907, he was married in Tipton to Miss Anna A. Decker, who had been one of his pupils in school. She was 16 and he was 22.

Son In Service

Mrs. McNeil survives and they have one son, Staff Sergeant James E. McNeil, now serving in England. Surviving also are two sisters Miss Lulu and Miss Margaret McNeil, of Otterville.

Dr. McNeil was a son of Peter J. and Sarah Patterson McNeil, one of twelve children.

He was a member of the American Medical Society, Missouri Medical Association, and Pettis County Medical Society.

The body was taken to McLaughlin's chapel.

Funeral arrangements had not been made Wednesday night.