

Everett P. Jarvis Died At Peoria On April 2, 1947

Death Came
Suddenly To
City's Benefactor

(April 3, 1947)

Everett P. Jarvis, 60, a native of Latham, and formerly associated with business interests in Mount Pulaski, died at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, 1947, in St. Francis hospital, Peoria, Ill., following an illness of one week. His death came as a shock to his large number of Mount Pulaski friends, as many had not heard of his illness. Mr. Jarvis was taken ill last Friday in Evansville, Ind., and was removed to Peoria Sunday.

Mr. Jarvis was born Sept. 2, 1886, in Latham, Ill., a son of Horace and Anna Allison Jarvis. As a young man he came to Mt. Pulaski and entered the barbering business. On Sept. 7, 1907, he married Miss Blanche Oglesby of Mount Pulaski. Although they spent most of their time in either Decatur, Springfield, or Peoria, they maintained their home on North Washington Street in this city, and frequently returned for brief stays.

A brother of Sam D. Jarvis, Decatur, he was a member of Jarvis Brothers and Marcell Oil Co., Decatur, which he helped organize in 1933 for development of oil production in the Southern Illinois fields. Mr. Jarvis, after giving up Mount Pulaski business interests, entered the automobile and insurance business in 1912, and in 1923 organized the Automobile Investment Co., in Springfield, which he sold in 1928, and became Chevrolet Dealer in Quincy. Mr. Jarvis and wife moved from Springfield to Peoria in 1934, where he operated until the time of his death.

Decedent was prominent in Masonic activities, having been a member of Stephen Decatur Blue Lodge, No. 979, A.F. & A.M., Decatur, the Springfield Consistory, and Ansar Shrine, Springfield; and the Scottish Rite, Peoria.

Mr. Jarvis is survived by his wife; one brother, Sam D. Jarvis, Decatur; and two sisters, Mrs. Monita Kluck, Warrensburg, and Mrs. John Giddens, Clarksville, Texas.

LITTLE TOWNS

Little Towns are friendly towns,
I'll take Main Street any day,
And the fun of greeting neighbors

As I walk its narrow way.
Your pockets can be empty,
But you're richer than a king.
Just walk a block on Main Street,
Greet the friends all small towns bring.

The Legion Home is one of the show spots of Mount Pulaski and visitors are always amazed to see such a fine building and surroundings dedicated to the veterans of all wars.

HE TOO, ERECTED A LIVING MONUMENT



MR. AND MRS. EVERETT P. JARVIS PROVIDED HOME FOR VETERANS

(Oct. 25, 1945)

A particularly fine piece of good fortune for the veterans of World Wars I and II, came last week when the Obermiller property in the south part of Mount Pulaski was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Everett P. Jarvis, and after the building has been completely remodeled and grounds landscaped, will be deeded to the local American Legion Post as a Veteran's Memorial building.

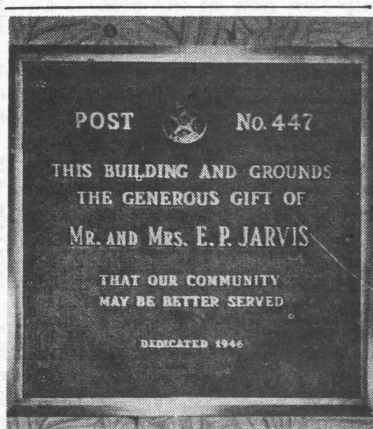
The mammoth 11-room brick residence which stands well back of a foreground of fine shade trees and a spacious lawn, will be completely remodeled with not only suitable quarters for the members of the Legion and their families, but with an assembly room large enough for the ordinary run of meetings or other civic organizations.

Some of the plans more or less in mind are: a recreation room, dance floor and reception room.

The grounds will be beautified and tennis courts, croquet courts and outdoor furnaces will be built. The grounds cover an acre and a half and there is ample room for other activities as they can be worked out. They expect to complete the remodeling sometime next year.

The gift of the home to the local post from Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jarvis is particularly important at this time with scores of young men coming back from the wars and will offer them an ideal home for their organization and its part in the community activities. It is the most outstanding memorial that could be offered to these men of both wars.

The Jarvis' are both former residents, but still maintain their home here on North Washington Street, where they spend part of the summer. Mr. Jarvis' offices are in Peoria.



FINAL RITES FOR EVERETT JARVIS HELD IN LEGION HOME, HIS GIFT

Fine Home Is
Monument To
His Generosity

(April 10, 1947)

Midst a magnificent effusion of flowers and lying in state within the walls of a building which will ever be a memorial to the generosity and thoughtfulness of a former citizen, the funeral rites for Everett Jarvis were held in the spacious new Legion Home on South Washington Street, Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

The American Legion Home was a gift to the organization from Mr. Jarvis and his wife, and they were especially happy when the Legion held their opening meeting in the new headquarters which had been transformed into a place of beauty. A bronze plaque on the east wall of this room was worded as follows:

"American Legion Post No. 447.
This building and grounds the generous gift of

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jarvis
That our community may be better served
Dedicated 1946."

It was a fine tribute to the memory of Mr. Jarvis that the funeral services be held in the American Legion Home, which he had made possible by his generosity. In this setting, midst an especially large number of floral tributes, the impressive and solemn services were held, attended by more than 800 friends and relatives, several from distant states, and many from Decatur, Peoria and Springfield.

The service began with appropriate music rendered by Cary Robards of Peoria, a former Mt. Pulaskian, and long-time friend of the decedent.

The barber shop quartet, composed of Orville Westen of Harts-

burg; Zane Shelton, of New Holland; Joe Faletti, Lincoln, and Paul R. Moore, Mt. Pulaski, sang "Shine On Me".

The funeral service was in charge of Rev. J. Wayne Staley of Washington, Ill., former pastor of the Mount Pulaski Christian Church, and close friend of Mr. Jarvis, who read "Crossing The Bar".

Two hymns, "Prayer Perfect," and "The Lord's Prayer," were sung by Freeman Wilmeth of Decatur, with organ accompaniment by Cary Robards.

Rev. Carroll Flewelling, pastor of Central Christian Church, Decatur, gave a scripture reading and prayer.

Rev. Staley then delivered his funeral discourse, and paid high tribute to a man so well known thruout central Illinois for his great friendliness to everyone, and his thoughtfulness and generosity to those whom he had known for so many years as neighbors and friends.

Rev. Staley in a beautiful word picture brought forth to the loved ones and friends this startling thought and memoriam:

"The moving finger writes, and then moves on. The moving finger has written 'Finis' across the final page of the book that we all have known as Everett Jarvis.

"His body enshrined in the proudest monument of his life, the flowers and presence of the many friends tell the character and story of this man far better than any words that might fall from the lips of mere man."

The service closed with the Masonic ritual, in charge of the Stephen Decatur Blue Lodge No. 979, Decatur.

Burial was made in the Mount Pulaski cemetery. The pallbearers were members of the Decatur Masonic Order.

OBERMILLER RESIDENCE—NOW AMERICAN LEGION HOME

