

BURY STATE REP.

Hundreds of Friends Pay Him Tribute

Masonic Funeral Is Held for Legislator Who Died on Night of Victory in GOP Primary.

David I. Swanson, long-time state representative of the 11th senatorial district, was buried yesterday afternoon in Oakhill cemetery after funeral services in Thoburn Methodist church, 1708 W. 64th st. Mr. Swanson died suddenly last Tuesday at 11 p.m. of a heart attack in the headquarters of the 18th ward Republican party in the Englewood Masonic temple, 6400 Green st.

Throughout the remainder of the week hundreds of his friends from Southtown and the entire city told of the distinction of Mr. Swanson.

"They'll miss him in Springfield," said Charles Wilson, 10431 Bell ave., a life-long friend. "He was a tremendously capable legislator and did a great job for his constituents in the 11th district."

Masonic Services.

Present at the Masonic funeral services yesterday in Thoburn church were men representing both major political parties as well as hundreds of neighbors and friends, some of whom Mr. Swanson had known since he was a young man fresh out of John Marshall Law School.

Many who attended the services in the church and later rode to the cemetery were present Tuesday night when Mr. Swanson suddenly died. He was stricken while being congratulated upon his victory in the Republican primaries. By a heavy majority, voters that day had again chosen him to be one of two Republican candidates to run for state representative in the election next November.

Born in Englewood.

Mr. Swanson was born and reared near 57th st. and Shields ave., the son of Swedish immigrants. His father was a carpenter. His parents weren't rich by any means, his old friends recalled, and Dave worked around the neighborhood to help out. After he graduated from grammar school he went to work with Swift's as an assistant buyer. Then, at nights, he went to John Marshall Law school.

Despite his heavy schedule, young Swanson became a member of the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity and maintained a high scholastic average at the law school.

"Even then he had the reputation of being a hard worker and a sensible man," said Kenneth Rice, retired executive of the Chi-

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Masonic Rites Are Held for Rep. Swanson

Men of Both Political Parties Pay Tribute to Legislator.

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Chicago Title and Trust company who was in Mr. Swanson's class. "Every grade he made was the result of hard work."

Admitted to Bar in '13.

During his days at John Marshall young Swanson became close friends with Rice, Wilson and J. A. "Jerry" Kennelly, brother of Mayor Kennelly. Frequently the four students met for dinner before going to their night school classes together.

Mr. Swanson graduated from John Marshall in 1912 and was admitted to the bar the next year. He then became associated with the Lumberman's Mutual Casualty company for a time, ~~for which~~ which he set up a general law practice of his own. Meanwhile, he was also breaking into the political picture in what is now the 18th ward.

After he had worked his way up the first few rungs of the political ladder, Charles S. Denneen, prominent political figure of Englewood and Illinois, took the young man under his guidance. In 1918 Swanson was nominated for the state legislature on the Republican ticket, but lost by a few votes.

Elected First in 1922.

Four years later, after a brief army career, he ran again for the legislature—this time with success. With the exception of one term, from 1946 to 1948, he remained a member of the legislature until his death. Because of his recognized legislative skill he remained in Springfield as attorney for the speaker of the house during the one term he wasn't a member of the assembly.

"Dave knew how to get things done in the legislature," Rice said. "He worked to weed out bad proposals and got behind good ideas and pushed to make them into laws."

Thomas J. Corcoran (18th) and signed by Aldermen Egan (13th), Murphy (17th), Duffy (19th), Sheridan (16th) and Vyzral (15th), the resolution read as follows:

Resolution.

"Whereas: This city council has learned with regret and sorrow of the untimely death of the Honorable David I. Swanson, for many years a state representative of the 11th Senatorial district, and whereas, during his lifetime Mr. Swanson endeared himself to many of the citizens of the city of Chicago by his kindly and generous disposition, his sincere charity and his devotion to the cause of justice and right, and whereas his was a sympathetic and magnanimous nature revered, respected and admired by all who were privileged to know him intimately and to call him friend—

Now, therefore, be it resolved that in recognition of his worth as a man and the service rendered by him in civic life, this City council do, by rising vote, recognize in solemn tribute the esteem of the citizens of Chicago of Mr. Swanson's ability;

Copy to Family.

"And be it further resolved that this resolution be spread upon the records of the city of Chicago and that a copy thereof, suitably engrossed, be presented to the be-

reaved family as a testimonial of our heartfelt sympathy."

Honorary Pallbearers.

Thirty of Mr. Swanson's closest friends were honorary pallbearers at the funeral services yesterday. They were Clarence N. Bergstrom, Raymond S. Blunt Sr., Fred E. Busbey, Harry A. Carlson, J. Harry Clancy, Rep. A. L. Cronin, William A. Cunnea, Anthony Egan, Theodore F. Ehler, Judge George M. Fisher, Rep. Michael E. Hannigan, Joseph B. Keenan, Fred Kelley, Sen. Arthur E. Larson, Walter McAvoy, William H. McDonnell, Roy O. Meadors, William J. Morgensen, Walter W. Morris, Rep. Paul Powell, Frank C. Rathje, Dr. William H. Reid, Clarence O. Rosain, Rep. Michael A. Ruddy, Homer G. Sailor, Judge Elmer J. Schnackenberg, John L. Showel, Walter Thieme, Fred R. Thompson and John E. W. Timm.

A 23-man delegation from the Chicago Bar association also attended the services.

Mr. Swanson is survived by his widow, Margaret, and two stepsons, Harry S. Carlson and Wilbur Carlson.

Meanwhile, Republican spokesmen said no decision had been reached as yet regarding a successor for Mr. Swanson's place on the November ballot.

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