

Robert W. Blumer

March 13, 1892 – March 12, 1951

Robert Blumer, Former Sheriff, Taken at Beloit Chief of Police Since 1936, Had served as Local Legion Head

Robert W. Blumer, 59, chief of police at Beloit and former, sheriff of Green county, died at 4:20 a.m. yesterday in Beloit Municipal hospital. He had suffered another heart attack a few hours earlier and was taken by ambulance to the hospital. Blumer had been ill from a heart condition since early in February.

He was appointed Beloit police chief Nov. 1, 1936. He had moved to Beloit in August, 1929, and was employed by the National Tea Co. for two years and then operated a grocery store on West Grand avenue.

Served as Sheriff Twice

Chief Blumer served as sheriff of Green county in 1923-24, was undersheriff in 1925-26, and was sheriff again in 1927 and 1928. A veteran of World War I, he entered service July 26, 1918, and was a member of the 344th Infantry, Co. K, 86th division. He was discharged March 20, 1919.

Chief Blumer was a member of the Smith Masonic lodge of Monroe and the Knights of Pythias and American Legion at Beloit. He served as commander of the American Legion post here in 1921-22 and also was chancellor commander of Pythias lodge of Monroe. He also had been a member of the Monroe fire department for more than 20 years.

Chief Blumer was born in Washington township, near Monroe, on March 13, 1892, the son of William and Kathryn Blumer Blumer. A nephew of Fred J., Adam and Jacob C. Blumer of the Blumer Brewing Co. He was associated with that concern for several years following his graduation from Monroe high school.

Survived by Widow

He was married April 8, 1920, to Grace K. Engelhardt, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Engelhardt of Beloit. She is a native of Brodhead.

Surviving are the widow; one brother, Adam E., and an only nephew, William F. Blumer, both of Rockford. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Katherine. After the death of his parents, he and his brother made their home with the late Mr. and Mrs. Adam Blumer Sr. of Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Our Saviour's Lutheran church at Beloit, corner of Roosevelt and Bluff streets. The casket will rest at the church from 10:30 a. m. until 1:30 p. m. preceding the services. Burial will be at Beloit.

Friends may call at the Rosman - Uehling - Kinzer funeral home in Beloit tomorrow evening. Past commanders of the Legion here will meet Wednesday at 12:30 p. m. at the post office to attend the funeral rites.