

Anna M. Merck

Miss Anna M. Merck, 700 S. Carroll Ave., former partner in the Dollmeyer & Merck Book Store in Freeport, died early this morning in Freeport Manor Nursing Home following an extended illness.

In 1904, Miss Merck accepted a clerkship in the bookstore, then known as Brown & Dollmeyer, at 105 W. Stephenson St. Several years later, she was responsible for purchasing books and supplies in the school section.

In 1919, F.F. Brown retired from the firm and Miss Merck purchased his share of the store and entered into partnership with George J. Dollmeyer. She retired from the book store business in March 1952 and sold it to her nephew, John Mertins, who operates the book store now. She was a charter member of the Wa-Tan-Ye Club of Freeport and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Born Sept. 9, 1884, in Freeport, she was the daughter of Edmund and Josephine (Schmich) Merck.

Surviving is a sister, Marie L., of Freeport. She was preceded in death by four sisters and a brother.

Funeral service will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Schwarz Funeral Home and at 10:30 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The Rev. William Budden, associate pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call at the Schwarz Funeral Home from 4 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. Rosary will be recited at 7:30.