

DEATHS

Arthur J. Mertins

Arthur J. Mertins, 51, former orchestra leader and lifelong resident of Freeport, passed away at his home, 312 South Van Buren avenue, last night after several months of illness.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Schwais funeral home, South Galena avenue, at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, with a requiem mass at St. Joseph's Catholic church at 9:30 o'clock. Rev. N. J. Berg will celebrate the mass and interment will be made in St. Joseph's cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home.

Mr. Mertins was born in Freeport Jan. 20, 1890, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Mertins. His father preceded him in death. He was educated at St. Joseph's parochial school and St. Bede's college. His marriage to Miss Florence Merck took place June 26, 1912. Besides his wife he leaves three children, Miss Mary Mertins and William Mertins, at home; John Mertins, Chicago. His mother, Mrs. R. Mertins, and a sister, Mrs. David Nelson, reside at Davenport, Ia.

Mr. Mertins was a talented musician and was active in musical circles for many years. He was member of the Kintzel orchestra, as violinist, many years ago, and later conducted his own dance orchestra and directed the Germania orchestra during the years when Germania theatre was in operation. For several years he had been employed as a salesman by the Electric Appliance company and the Freeport Buick Agency. A man of pleasant disposition and fine character, he had many friends.

Mrs. George H. Bonds