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Prominent Ex-Businessman Here Dies

Funeral services for Charles K. Lewis, 75, former prominent businessman and a former Russiaville postmaster, were held Monday afternoon at the Russiaville Main street Christian church with the Rev. Gene Dye in charge. Burial followed in the Russiaville cemetery.

Mr. Lewis died at his home at 1 o'clock Saturday morning after a long illness. He had previously been a patient at the St. Joseph hospital in Kokomo.

The deceased was born July 14, 1875 in Old Augusta, Ind., near Indianapolis, the son of Byron and Youtha Jane Lewis. He was in the hardware business in Scircleville when he was married to Miss Pearl Power of that community. The family moved to the Andrew Catron farm near Russiaville, which Mr. Lewis purchased in 1912. He then moved to Russiaville and served as postmaster for eight years, and then he opened a hardware store in the old Stout building. His son, Gilbert, joined him in the business in the late 1920s, forming the firm of Lewis and Son Hardware. At various times, Mr. Lewis had done circulation work for The Russiaville Observer and for the old Kokomo Dispatch.

Mr. Lewis was a member of the Russiaville Christian church, the



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Masonic order and was a past master of the latter group.

Survivors include the widow, five children: Mrs. Jay Younkin, Gilbert Lewis, Mrs. George McCoy, all of Russiaville; William Lewis of Russiaville route 1, and Clifford Lewis of Greensburg; one step-sister, Mrs. Hazel Bowers of Chicago; a half-brother, Ray McClelland of Kokomo. A brother, Oscar; a sister, Mable, and another half-brother, Herman McClelland, all preceded him in death. Surviving also are nine grandchildren.