

## Obituary for Donald Wayne Backus

### Donald W. Backus

Funeral service for Donald Wayne (Shorty) Backus of 720 S. Liberty Ave., who died Friday night at Freeport Memorial Hospital after an extended illness, will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Walker Mortuary.

The Rev. R. E. Hoskins, pastor of Church of the Nazarene, will officiate. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call after 4 today at the mortuary. A memorial fund has been established.

Backus was a Freeport Post Office clerk, retiring in Jan. 1975, after 37 years there. He was a member of the Postal Clerk's Union. A World War II veteran, he was a member of American Legion.

Born Dec. 29, 1909, near Stockton, he was the son of Eugene M. and Margaret (Johnson) Backus. He married Mildred Elizabeth Paryzek Dec. 23, 1942, at Glascon, Mont.

Surviving are his widow; two sons, Carl of Kankakee and Allen of Freeport; two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Margaret) Bartell of Warren and Mrs. Stephan (Barbara) Love of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Also, three grandchildren; and three sisters, Mrs. Art (Marguerite) Carroll of Glendale, Calif., Mrs. Richard (Alice) Bartell and Mrs. W. Robert (Eleanor) Finley, both of Freeport. Two sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

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