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Mueller Funeral Home
Records, 1952-1987

Collection 100

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name: Mueller Funeral Home (Sadorus, Ill.)
Inclusive Dates: 1952-1987, bulk 1952-1964
Physical Description: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)
Language: English

Provenance:

The Mueller Funeral Home Records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in October 2004.

Access:

These records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

Biographical Note:

Robert H. Mueller was born in Champaign, IL, the son of Reverend Henry Mueller and Emma Alke. He attended the University of Illinois, Barry-Castle School of Business, and graduated from Worsham College of Mortuary Science, Chicago (1936). He married Bernice Moore on November 23, 1939, in Champaign.

A licensed funeral director for 50 years, Mueller worked in Champaign and Sadorus where he owned his own funeral home and furniture store from 1952-1965. He also operated Mueller Interior Designs in Champaign.

Mueller was a member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, the Men's Brotherhood at the church, the United Commercial Travelers and the American Association of Retired Persons. He was also a member of the Sadorus Sportsman's Club, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mueller served in the United States Army Medical Corps and acted as a German interpreter during World War II.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains a ledger of funeral records arranged by date from October 18, 1952 to November 13, 1964. The records are filled out to varying degrees but all include: name of the deceased, date of entry, bill total and recognition of payment. Additional information present may include: occupation, dates of birth and death, where the services were held, cause of death, certifying physician and his address, name of father and mother and their birthplaces, diagram of the lot/plot (often marked with the names and locations of other family members using it) and funeral costs. There are 152 pages in the book, 151 are filled out.



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Also present within the collection are a series of funeral arrangement cards. The funeral arrangement cards correspond to information in the ledger book, but they are arranged alphabetically by the name of the deceased (not by date as the ledger). The information on cards dated May 1961 to November 1964 were not transferred from the cards into the ledger book. There are 166 funeral arrangement cards. Information present may include: deceased's name, address, phone, place of death, veteran status, date of birth, age, birth place, occupation, father and mother's name and birth place, place of burial, surviving relatives and details (such as singers, organist, pallbearers and minister) and cemetery arrangements.

Subjects Terms:

Funeral Home Records

Funeral Homes

Mueller Funeral Home --- Sadorus, Ill.

Undertakers and Undertaking

Name Terms:

Mueller, Robert H.

Container List:

Box 1

Folder 1: Clippings regarding Robert H. Mueller, 1952-1987

Folders 2-8: Funeral arrangement cards, A-Z (7 folders)

Folder 9: Invoices and correspondence, 1953-1956

Funeral records ledger, 1952-1964