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STARKE KOONTZ DIES FOLLOWING HEART ATTACK

Former Boonville Grocer Has
Been in Good Health—Fun-
eral Not Arranged.

Starke Koontz, 63, veteran Boonville groceryman, died after a heart attack at 7:30 o'clock last night at his home, 707 Sixth street. Mr. Koontz apparently had been in good health prior to yesterday morning, when he suffered a heart attack and was ordered to bed by his physician.

Funeral arrangements had not been made this morning, as word had not been received from a son and daughter, who live in California.

Mr. Koontz, who had been in the grocery business here for more than 40 years with his father, D. S. Koontz, retired from the business in 1929. Since that time he had led a quiet life. Last fall he ran in the Democratic primary for the nomination for county judge.

Although he had been in good health recently, Mr. Koontz had not felt well the last few days but was able to attend the Knights of Pythias induction meeting Thursday evening. He went to his physician's office yesterday morning, and it was found that he was seriously ill.

Starke Koontz was born in Boonville September 26, 1871, the son of D. S. and Fanny Starke Koontz. He joined the Presbyterian church at an early age and remained a life-long active member of that institution.

On June 14, 1893, he was married to Sally Carey of Prairie Home. Two children were born to this union, David, who now lives in Burbank, Calif., and Frances, now Mrs. Herndon Fetty of Santa Anna, Calif.

Starke Koontz first entered the grocery business as a partner with his father, D. S. Koontz, in a store located where Holt's cafe is now. This store was operated 17 years, the two then moving to the 400 block on Main street, where another store was run for 17 years. This store was sold to Vic Colin, and Starke Koontz went to Kansas City for a time, returning soon to open again with his father under the name of the Starke Koontz Grocery Co. This firm went out of business in 1929.

Mr. Koontz was an elder in the Presbyterian church, was secretary of the Walnut Grove cemetery association, and a member of the Mason and Knights of Pythias lodges. He was secretary of the Presbyterian Sunday school for 25 years.

Surviving are his wife, father, son, and daughter, one sister, Mrs. Gertrude Summers, one granddaughter, an uncle, A. M. Koontz, and three cousins, Mack Koontz of Boonville, Frank Koontz, of Rich Hill, and Mrs. George Griffith of Smithton.