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Walter T. May (Houstonia)

Walter T. May, 58, rural mail carrier at Houstonia, died Tuesday at the Sweet Springs Community Hospital.

Born in Sedalia, Jan. 15, 1906, he was a son of the late Pinkney A. and Nannie Bell Melvin May. He was married Aug. 24, 1929, to Vira Fitz, who survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Marguerite Loveland, 410 South Quincy; and a brother, Ernest May, Smithton. A brother, Melvin May, preceded him in death.

Mr. May attended Central College at Fayette and the University of Missouri. He was postmaster at Smithton from 1930 to 1948 except for the time he spent in military service. In April, 1948, he went to Houstonia as a rural mail carrier and had held that position up to the time of his death.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Gillespie Funeral Home. The Rev. Earl Dillon, Smithton, and the Rev. Robert Kessler, pastor of the Houstonia Community Church of which Mr. May was a member, will officiate.

John Vandekamp will sing "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Lillian Fox.

Active pallbearers will be James Denny, Sydney Hoard, Oliver Bolte, J. K. Lacey, Amos Rhinehart and Delmas Liggett.

Honorary pallbearers will be Russell Wicker, Shelton Rissler, Bernice Nutt, Claude Nutt, George Griffin and Harry Hayworth.

Mr. May was a member of the Elks lodge, the Ancient and Free Accepted Masons, Pilot Grove, and the Order of the Eastern Star, Otterville.

Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery. Rituallistic graveside services will be conducted by Sedalia Elks Lodge, BPOE No. 125. The body is at the Gillespie Funeral Home.

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