

# Death Summons

## Local News Man

Community Mourns Passing  
of A. Ralph Moorhead Long  
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### MANY OTHERS CALLED

Death came in the form of a peaceful sleep to Alexander Ralph Moorhead, aged 66, a life-long and esteemed resident of Indiana, and for many years one of the editors and publishers of the Indiana Progress, who died early Saturday evening in his home on Wayne avenue. Although in failing health for several months he was at his desk in the office, where he had served so long and efficiently, until six weeks ago when his condition became critical as a result of complications, following a stroke.

A son of Alexander Thompson Moorhead and Margaret (Rankin) Moorhead, he was born March 28, 1876, in Indiana, where he had lived all his life with the exception of two years while serving as instructor of the printing department of the United Presbyterian Mission College in Norfolk, Va., and a like period in Pittsburgh, where he was employed on the news staff of the Chronicle Telegraph.

A descendent of one of the pioneer newspaper families of Indiana, he was a great grandson of James Moorhead, who became editor of the American and Public Gazette in Indiana as early as 1826, and remained head of the newspaper until shortly before the Civil war. Ralph's father, who learned the printing trade while his grandfather was editor, purchased the Progress in 1887 and remained its senior editor until his death in 1912. Ralph mastered the printing trade when a young man in the Progress office and later he and his brother, Albert S. Moorhead, became associated with their father as editors and publishers of the Progress, which is regarded as the oldest weekly newspaper in the county, although published under various titles during its long history of over 100 years. A fluent writer his long and brilliant newspaper career contributed much to the uplift of the community.

He represented the highest type of christian citizenship and was a life-long member of the First United Presbyterian church, and served 12 years as a member and secretary of the board of trustees of the congregation. For a long period he was identified with the Indiana State Teachers College, serving as a member of the board of trustees.

During the Spanish-American War he served as a corporal of Company F, Fifth Regiment, and held membership with the Joseph L. Blakely Camp, No. 1989 United Spanish War Veterans.

Sincerely devoted to his home, church and community his sterling traits of character cultivated for him many enduring friendships and his passing is mourned throughout this community and elsewhere.

Surviving is a son, Alexander Ralph Moorhead, Jr., a radio-man serving in the Navy, now home on a brief furlough; a grand-daughter, Dianne, aged two months, and these brothers and sisters, Mrs. D. K. Hill, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Albert S. Moorhead, of town; Mrs. Eva Lininger, of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Howard M. Fair, of Aliquippa, and Frank E. Moorhead and Dr. Hugh M. Moorhead, both of Erie.

The funeral rites were held Tuesday afternoon in the Robinson Funeral Home, North Seventh street, by Dr. J. C. Pinkerton, his former pastor, followed by interment in the Oakland cemetery.

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