

Retired druggist dies

Long-time Dunkirk businessman, druggist and Lions Club leader Merle E. Blue died Thursday evening in Otis Hospital in Celina.

He operated Blue's Drug Store in Dunkirk for 33 years, and was active in several Masonic organizations. He was charter member and first president of the Dunkirk Lions, going on to be a district governor and state treasurer.

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Merle E., 74

Kingspoint, Fort Myers, Fla.

The long-time Dunkirk businessman died at 10:20 p.m. Thursday at the Otis Hospital in Celina.

He was born Dec. 4, 1899, in Carey to Almon and Sarah (Heilman) Blue.

He had lived in Fort Myers for 10 years, after operating Blue's Drug Store in Dunkirk for 33 years, retiring in 1963.

He was a graduate of Carey High School and Ohio Northern University College of Pharmacy, a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Dunkirk, a charter member of Araba Shrine Temple of Fort Myers, the Scottish Rite, Valley of Dayton; Dunkirk Chapter 37 OES; Dunkirk Lodge 549, F&AM; charter member and first president of the Dunkirk Lions Club; former district governor of Lions International; and had served 10 years as Lions state treasurer.

He married Quilla Trachsel March 26, 1921. She survives, along with a daughter, Mrs. James (Nancy) Lawrence of Celina; a brother Russell of Upper Sandusky; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Price Funeral Home in Dunkirk with burial in Dunkirk Cemetery. Friends may call after 1 p.m. Saturday.

Masonic services will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday. Donations may be made to the Pilot Dog, Inc., through the Dunkirk Lions Club.