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ROCKWOOD BROWN

Billings Lawyer Dies in Florida

Rockwood Brown, prominent Billings attorney, died suddenly Monday while on a Florida vacation trip. He was 69.

Mrs. Brown, who was with her husband at the time, notified family members here that Mr. Brown died, apparently of a sudden heart attack, shortly after a quiet Monday morning and drinking a cup of coffee.

His death occurred at Naples, Fla., where he and Mrs. Brown had been vacationing.

Mr. Brown was a native of Vermont and came to Billings 40 years ago to enter the practice of law after obtaining his law degree at the University of Michigan.

He entered a law partnership here with O. K. Grimstead, and following Mr. Grimstead's death in 1925, formed a partnership with Horace S. Davis, now a Montana Supreme Court justice. At the time of his death Mr. Brown was a senior member of the law firm of Brown, Sande & Forbes in the First National Bank Bldg.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had been on a two-month vacation tour, visiting in California and Mexico before going to Florida.

Mr. Brown was a member of the Yellowstone County Bar Assn. and the Montana State Bar Assn. He had served as chairman of the Montana Highway Commission and chairman of the Montana State Water Conservation Board. He also was a past chairman of the Millard Rapids Fair board. At the time of his death he was a member of the City Park Commission. He served as president of the Billings Pioneer Baseball club in 1953 and was a member of its board of directors. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Surviving besides Mrs. Brown are three sons, Neil, who lives in Boise, Idaho; Keith of 1207 Burlington Ave. and Rockwood Jr. of 3127 Ave. F, associated with his father in his law practice here; and a daughter, Barbara, of Seattle, Wash.

Rockwood Brown Jr. left Monday for Naples to accompany his father's body here.

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