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Billings Lawyer Dies in Florida

Rockwood Brown, prominent Billings attorney, died suddenly Monday while on a Florida vacation trip. He was 60.

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 leaving Sunday 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. E. Grimstead, and following Mr. Grimstead's death in 1927, 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 K. Forbes, in the First National Bank Bldg.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had been on a two-months 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 their president of the Montana Highway Commission and chairman of the Montana State Water Conservation Board. He also was a past chairman of the Midland Empire 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 Society Club in 1951 and was a member of the Board of directors. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Surviving besides Mrs. Brown are three sons, Neil, who lives in Rhoads House, 1528 Burlington Ave., and Rockwood Jr., of 1111 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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