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Leslie P. Rockteacher

Former county sheriff and
treasurer

Services will be Wednesday for Leslie P. Rockteacher of Waukesha, a former Waukesha County treasurer and county sheriff, who died Saturday at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. He was 75.

A lifelong resident of Waukesha County, he was born in Eagle.

He retired in 1976 after 22 years as the Waukesha County treasurer. His association with Waukesha County government dated to 1938, when he became a deputy sheriff. He had left the department in 1943 to serve in the US Army in the US and in Europe.

In 1946, he won election to become the youngest sheriff in the state. He was re-elected again in 1948. Because the sheriff could not serve more than two consecutive terms, he left the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department at the end of 1950. He then became a salesman for Sullivan Pontiac, but returned to the department as under-sheriff in 1953.

On Aug. 15, 1954, he was appointed by the County Board to fill an unexpired county treasurer's term. He continued in that position, being elected as a write-in candidate that September.

He was a past secretary of the Wisconsin Sheriff's Association and served on the group's legislative committee during the years he served as sheriff.



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vices at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. William Humphreys will officiate. Burial will follow services at Prairie Home Cemetery, 605 S. Prairie Ave., Waukesha.

He was past secretary, vice president and president of the County Treasurer's Association, and past chairman of the group's southeast Wisconsin district. He spent almost 20 years on the association's legislative committee, several of those as co-chairman. During his years in public office, he also was a member of many professional organizations.

He was active in community affairs. He was a member of the Waukesha County Republican Party, the Waukesha Masonic Lodge 37 Free & Accepted Masons, the Scottish Rite Bodies, and the VFW Post 8 Soat-Vergenz.

He was a former member of the Waukesha Community Chest board and was active in YMCA fund drives.

His hobbies included woodworking, snowmobiling and fishing. He and his family enjoyed snowmobiling in the Alps of Switzerland and in Door County.

Survivors include his wife, Harriet J. of Waukesha; a daughter, Lynn A. of Waukesha; two brothers, Martin J. of Eagle and Russell (Betty) of Arizona; and two sisters, Lois Strak of Sheboygan and Maryann Johnston of Palmyra. A son, Perry, preceded him in death in 1952. Also preceding him in death were a brother, Matthew, and four sisters, Ethel, Elizabeth, Nellie, and Gertrude.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Randle-Dable Funeral Home, 1110 S. Grand Ave., Waukesha. A Masonic Lodge service will be held at 7:30 p.m. A second visitation will begin at noon Wednesday and continue until ser-