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End Comes Swiftly to Well Known Business Man at His Home Here.

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Death came suddenly to Taylor Mitchell Estes, 63 years old, prominent and well known business man of this city Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock at his home in the Estes Apartments, as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Estes had not been in the best of health for several years, and he was not very well Sunday, having been lying down all day; but the stroke was entirely unexpected, and came after he had arisen and gone to an adjoining room. A physician was summoned, but he died about half an hour afterwards, without regaining consciousness. News of his passing came as a profound shock to the community.

Mr. Estes was born at Raywick on October 24, 1866, a son of Columbus and Sallie E. Estes. The greater part of his life was spent in Lebanon, where he had become identified with many business interests. At the time of his death he was owner of the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse and the Marion County Roller Mills, one of the few water-powered flour mills in the state. He was owner of the T. M. Estes Garage on Spalding Avenue and was the Willys-Knight-Whippet dealer here. He also owned the garage building adjoining, which is occupied by the Cozatt Motor Company, the Diamond filling station lot and four apartment houses on East Main street, in addition to extensive real estate holdings in various other parts of the city and farm property in the western part of the county.

He formerly served as a director of the Citizens National Bank and was an officer and major stockholder in the Lebanon Light, Ice & Power Company and Lebanon Home Telephone Company until these companies sold out to other interests a few years ago.

Mr. Estes was one of the outstanding leaders of the Methodist church, loyal in all of its activities and always one of the first to lend his personal and financial assistance when a project was launched or needed to be put through to a finish. His contribution of \$10,000 was one of the large donations for the erection of the new church which is now under construction. He was for years chairman of the Board of Stewards of the church.

In Masonic circles, Mr. Estes was widely known. He was past Grand Commander of the Commandery of Kentucky, Knights Templar, and was also past commander of Marion Commandery, No. 24, having held the latter office in 1905-06, at the time the Masonic Temple was built. Regular in his attendance at the annual state conclaves, he had a host of friends in the order throughout the state.

He is survived only by his wife, Mrs. Mary B. Donaldson Estes, to whom he was united in marriage in Lebanon April 25, 1888. No children were born to the union.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock at the Presbyterian church by the Rev. Bedford Turner, pastor of the Methodist church, and the Rev. W. P. Baird, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, former pastor of the church here. Burial was in Ryder cemetery. Pallbearers—members of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist church—were E. N. Hundley, J. J. Hundley, W. W. Rubel, L. T. M. Call, M. D. Burdette, James T. Millen. The other members of the Board of Stewards were honorary pallbearers.