Retired Merchant Dies Sunday

(Special to The State Journal)
GRANDLEDGE — Pasquale
(Patsy) Fortino, 62, prominent
Grand Ledge businessman, died
early Sunday morning at his home
at 418 E. Scott St., following a
long illness.

Rosary will be recited at the Peters Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Solemn Requiem High Mass will be sung at St. Michael's Church, Grand de, at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Celebrant will be Dr. Anthony Csaky. Interment will be in St. Joseph Canetry, Lansing.

Mr. Fortino was born in St. Ippolito, Italy, June 10, 1900, the son of Pietro and Clementina Fortino. He came to the United States in 1924 following a period of service in the Italian Army in World War Is worked with his brother, worked a restaurant in Lahsing at the time, and later was employed at Paul Fata's imported foods business. He operated his own food store in Lansing for two years before purchasing a confectionery and delicatessen store in Grand Ledge in 1935.

Apprenticed as a carpenter and cabinet maker in his youthful days in Italy, this craft became his hobby; upon his retirement in 1950 when his sons, Peter and Louis, took over the business. He retained an active interest in his farm and the store and his love of people kept him in the downtown area long after his retirement.

"Patsy" Fortino, as he was known throughout Grand Ledge, was a long-time member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Italian-American Club of Greater Lansing and St. Michael's Church, Grand Ledge.

His survivors include, besides his widow, Carolyn, three sons, Peter of Grand Ledge, who carries on the family business: Louis of Lansing, who operates a similar business, and Dr. James (Jerry) Fortino of New Orleans; one daughter, Helen, who is the wife of Dr. J. A. Caruso of East Lansing; two brothers, Anthony and Frank, both of Lansing, and 18 grandchildren.

Lucy Hopkins Dias Saturday

Lucy Hopkins 76, of R 2 Vermontvill died Saturday evening at Hayes Green Beach hospital where she had been a patient for one day.

She was born March 7, 1887, the daughter of Charles R. and Clara
Randall Rich, and had worked at \$\circ\$\cong\circ\$\cong\circ\$\cong\circ\$\cong\circ\$
Kalamagoo State hospital for 30
years, before moving to Vermont ville, 12 means ago.

Survisione daughter, Mrs. Mona the of Kalamazoo; three brother Vale and Alton of Traverse and Lionel of Vermontville; four sisters, Mrs. Lola Connine of Mio, Mrs. Gladys Woods and Mrs. Jane Bedmore of Tawas City and Mrs. Doris Sparks of Traverse City; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The body was taken Tuesday from the Vogt funeral home to Mio where services were held on Wednesday from the Mio Methodist church. Burial was in he Fairview cemetery.

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