

Retired Farmer

Lansing, Michigan

Funeral Services Tuesday For Comedian Fred Allen

NEW YORK, March 19 (AP)—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Fred Allen, the veteran humorist with the baggy eyes and sharp wit.

Master of ceremonies John Daly said at the start of the program that despite their sorrow the cast would put on the show

The 61-year-old radio and television comedian died of a heart ailment as he strolled a Manhattan street late Saturday night.

A solemn requiem mass will be sung for Allen at the Actor's chapel of St. Malachy's Roman Catholic church in the theater district. He will be buried at the Gate of Heaven Catholic cemetery in suburban Westchester county.

Allen was an entertainer in radio, television and motion pictures for a quarter of a century. He was a regular panelist on the C. B. S. television show "What's My Line?" Last night the show went on without him. His widow, Portland Hoffa, said he would have wanted it that way.



FRED ALLEN

"the way Fred would like to have had it done."

This, said Daly, meant doing no more than Allen himself had often done, making his audiences laugh "when he didn't feel like laughing."

Steve Allen, no relations, substituted for Fred.

After an autopsy yesterday, Dr. Milton Helpert, chief medical examiner, said the comedian died of occlusive coronary heart disease. He said Allen had had a heart condition "over the years."

Ill health and sponsor trouble put Allen on part-time work on the airwaves in 1949. He gave up his struggle against TV about the same time.

"Let someone else pioneer it," he once said of the new medium.

STARTED AS JUGGLER

But 2½ years ago he became a regular on "What's My Line?"

Allen was born John Florence Sullivan in Cambridge, Mass., on May 31, 1894. He changed his name early in his career at the suggestion of his agent, a man named Allen.

His first venture on the stage was as a juggler.

One day a stage manager walked out on the stage and asked him how he had learned his art. In his nasal voice the young Allen quipped:

"I took a correspondence course in baggage smashing."

The crack brought down the house and launched his career as a comedian. Ten years on U. S. and Australian vaudeville circuits followed.

In 1922 he met Miss Hoffa in New York. They were married in 1928. The couple went into radio together in 1932 and also made several movies, including "Thanks a Million" and "Sally, Irene and Mary."

Portland's sing-song "Mr. Allen" greeting became the couple's trademark.

She was in their apartment on W. 58th st. when Allen was stricken Saturday night on his usual late-night stroll. She reached his body minutes later.

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Alcona.....	Alcona.....	Robert A. Davison, R.....	Elwood Coombs, R.....	Robert E. Wallace, R.....
Alcona.....	Bellaire.....	Laura M. Mohrman, R.....	Harry B. Matthews, R.....	James Deevy, R.....
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