

## **Elbert Fowler Tomkies**

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### **Elbert Tomkies Taken By Death**

HINTON, Oct. 24 (RNS) — Elbert Fowler Tomkies, 70, widely known Hinton merchant and business man, died at his home at 3 a.m. today following an illness of five years. Suffering from multiple cirrhosis, he had received hospital treatment in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Huntington during the past several years.

He was a son of Morgan Douglas and Elizabeth Jordan Tomkies and was born and reared in Hinton.

He served as vice president of the mercantile firm of M. D. Tomkies and Sons for more than 50 years and was a member of the board of directors of the National Bank of Summers of Hinton, and the Security Insurance Company of Huntington. He was a graduate of Hinton High School and Marshall College, a member of the Methodist Church, the Masonic Order and the Shrine.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Barnette Funeral Home on James Street at 2 p.m. Wednesday by Dr. Fred B. Wyand and the Rev. Harry V. Wheeler. The Masonic Lodge will have charge of burial services in Hilltop Cemetery. The body will remain at the funeral home.

He is survived by four brothers: Bernard P. and Toney C. Tomkies, both of Hinton; Frank H. and Douglas C. Tomkies, both of Huntington, and two sisters: Mrs. W. J. Rogers of Beckley, and Mrs. Naomi Jenkins of Gary, Ind.