

## Jay Y. Riffe

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#### Jay Y. Riffe, 49, Dies of Heart Ailment

Services for Jay Y. Riffe, 49, retired consulting chemical engineer, who died Sunday at 3:30 p. m. in his home at 8 Arlington court, will be held Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. at the family cemetery at Hinton.

Rev. Mr. Wheeler, pastor of the Hinton Methodist church, will officiate. The body is at the home of a sister, Mrs. R. Raymond Woolf



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of 2114 Kanawha Blvd., East, and will be taken to Hinton by the Simpson mortuary at noon Tuesday.

Mr. Riffe retired in 1934 after suffering a heart attack. He visited relatives Saturday night and had gone for a walk Sunday morning. He died while asleep. Death was attributed to coronary thrombosis.

He came to Charleston in 1925 as an associate in the consulting engineering firm of W. A. Ross Co., and after Mr. Ross' death conducted the business until his retirement.

Mr. Riffe was born at Hinton on Sept. 10, 1892 to Jake A. and Elinor Warren Riffe. In 1915 he was graduated from Cornell university. At the outbreak of the World war, he was superintendent of a munitions plant at Elizabeth, N. J., before enlisting for military service. He was assigned to the government's offensive and defensive gas research department at Washington. While testing masks, he was seriously gassed, suffering impaired health as a consequence.

After the war, he taught chemistry and physics at the University of Colorado. While there he completed work for his doctor of philosophy degree. He had been intensely interested in chemical research and had written several papers for scientific publications. His work in Charleston was largely devoted to the design and installation of processing machinery in chemical plants.

Mr. Riffe's forebears served in every war in this country since colonial times. Besides his sister, he is survived by his widow, the former Miss Gertrude Caterson of Virginia; a son, Jay Alfred Riffe, and another sister, Miss Margaret Keenan Riffe, both of Charleston.

The family requests that flowers be omitted.