

# William Alfred Lucking 1887-1960

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## W. A. Lucking Dies; Ex-Attorney for Ford

William A. Lucking, a Detroit attorney who was a legal advisor to Henry Ford in the early days of the Ford Motor Co., died yesterday in St. Joseph

Hospital, Ann Arbor, apparently of a heart attack.

Mr. Lucking, 78, of 811 Barton Shore drive, Ann Arbor, was president of the Chicago, Duluth & Georgian Bay Transk Co., operator of the Great Lakes cruise ships North American and South American.

He graduated from the University of Michigan and was a member of the Michigan, the California and the American Bar associations. He was also a member of the Country Club of Detroit, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Detroit Boat Club and the Barton Hills Country Club, of Ann Arbor.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; a brother, Dean; a son, William A. Jr.; and a daughter, Mrs. Catherine Starbuck, both of California; a stepson, Joseph Powell, of Ann Arbor, and nine grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Lucking will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the William R. Hamilton Co., 3975 Cass. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

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