

WIFE OF STATE FARM FOUNDER DIES AT 80

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MRS. MECHERLE SURVIVOR OF ILL-FATED TITANIC

Mrs. Sylvia Mecherle, 80, widow of the founder of State Farm Insurance Companies, died at 12:36 a.m. Thursday at Brokaw Hospital, where she had been a patient for 14 months.

NATIVE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mrs. Mecherle was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., a daughter of Chambers C. and Sylvia Harris Harbaugh.

INTERESTS VARIED

Surviving are two sons, Alden G. Caldwell, Allentown, Pa.; Raymond M. Caldwell, with whom she made her home on Grant Road; two sisters, Miss Alice E. Harbaugh, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mrs. Beatrice H. Leach, Pleasantville, N.Y.; a brother, W. M. Harbaugh, Allentown, Pa.

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