

Stanley Joseph Bezy



Stanley Joseph Bezy; B 29 Jan 1912, IN; D 8 Aug 1933, Phoenix AZ.

Uncle Stanley is one of the most mysterious members of the family. He died at the age of 21 and no one ever spoke about him except Grandma Bezy. In the corner of her and Poppo's bedroom was a little shrine dedicated to Stanley. It included his photograph, the crucifix from the top of his casket, and a vigil light.

Stanley won a typing championship in Sacramento in 1928 and graduated from Saint Xavier High School in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1929. He was also a champion checker player.

From Grandma I gather that Stanley was intellectually inclined. She once said that if she could just remember one tenth of what Stanley told her, she would know a lot.

The cause of his death is most mysterious. Grandma said that he “burned out the nerves at the base of his brain” typing and playing checkers. She once stated that his was the first known case of this “disease” in Arizona.

Grandma mentioned that one day a man came to the door selling Extension Magazine. She invited him in and he saw Stanley lying sick on a cot. He assured her that Stanley would live until his 21st birthday. He died on 8 August 1933 at the age of 21. He is buried in Saint Francis Cemetery in Phoenix. His gravestone is the only one of the family that bares complete birth and death dates, rather than just the year.