

# LOOKING BACK

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### **Ray Casey, former resident, succumbs at Arcadia, Calif. July 11, 1963 State Center Enterprise**

Word has been received here of the death of Ray W. Casey, a former resident and owner of the Casey & Sons Lumber Company in State Center, on June 30 at Arcadia, California. Born at Paton, Iowa, Mr. Casey had lived at State Center and Monrovia, Calif., before moving to Arcadia twenty years ago.

Funeral services were held last Wednesday morning in the chapel of the Glasser and Miller Mortuary with the Rev. E. H. Kreidt in chare. Private entombment followed at Mountain View Mausoleum.

Surviving are his widow, Freida D. Casey and two daughters, Deloris Mazy of Arcadia and Luella Wilkes of Lompoe. He also leaves six grandchildren, one great grandchild and a brother, Everett Casey of Boone, Iowa.

(Shirley's note: Casey & Sons was located where the State Center Lockers is today at 106 1st Ave. S. I question if there's a misprint, because I have seen the lumber yard listed as Casey & Jones, rather than Casey & Sons. Also, there is no mention of any sons in Mr. Casey's obituary. Mr. Casey built and lived in the house of our parents, Harold & Edith Mahlow, at 204 1st Ave. S, and now presently owned by Jeff and Deb Brooks. You could tell that the house was well built and quality materials were used. The neatest thing about that house was that no one ever painted the original woodwork and it's still there.)