

## E. A. Verlinden Dies; Organ Firm Chief

Edmond A. Verlinden, 80, a designer and builder of pipe organs, died Friday night at St. Mary's Hospital after an illness of two months.

Mr. Verlinden, of 3071 S. Superior St., founded the Verlinden Organ Co., 2779 S. 34th St. in 1930 and was president of the firm. He continued to design, engineer and plan pipe organs up until his illness.

Mr. Verlinden and his firm installed pipe organs in more than 100 Milwaukee area churches, most recently Hope Lutheran Church at N 35th St. and W. Highland Blvd. His largest installation was at St. Vibian's Church in Los Angeles.

Born in Antwerp, Belgium, the son of a family that was known for its church sculpture and decorating, Mr. Verlinden learned his trade there. He came to New York in 1919 and to Milwaukee the next year.

He was vice president and general manager of the former Wangerin Organ Co. from 1910 to 1930. He lived in Bay View about 50 years and was a member of Immaculate Conception Parish.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Marcelle Tole and Mrs. Audree Kleiner, both of Milwaukee, and Mrs. Blanche Packee, of South Milwaukee.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Scheuerell Funeral Home, 2433 S. Kinnickinnic Av., and at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. The body will lie in state after 3 p.m. Sunday and a vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.