

# Gio Oberto Succumbs To Heart Attack

He who rules the universe reached down Tuesday afternoon at Nucla and removed from our midst Gio Oberto, widely known and respected citizen.

Gio (pronounced Joe by a multitude of friends) has been complaining recently of a pain in his shoulders, and Monday night had received medical treatment at the hotel there.

Completing his business Tuesday afternoon, he talked to Cleo Walker and George Elliott regarding a ride up to Telluride. He started across to the post office to take the bus when the summons came. Following an investigation Dr. Keating pronounced death due to myocarditis.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 o'clock this Friday afternoon from the Community church under the direction of the Telluride Elks lodge. Mr. Oberto became a member in 1918.

Forest White, exalted Ruler, will be in charge of the services. Mrs. Hester Taylor will play the funeral music and will accompany Dr. E. H. Taylor and Mrs. Martha Vohs who will sing "Softly Now the Light of Day" and "The Vacant Chair." Mrs. Vohs will sing "Sometime We'll Understand."

Elks graveside services will precede burial in the family lot in Lone Tree cemetery under the direction of the Buckley mortuary. Pallbearers, Elks and long time friends, will be L. G. Warrick, Ed Vezina, George Anderson, Carl Peterson, Everett Vernon and Paul Nardin. Mr. Oberto will lie in state at the mortuary until noon Friday.

Giuseppe Oberto was one of four sons born to Maria and Carlo Oberto near Aglie Canavese, Italy. The exact date of his birth is not available as we go to press. He came to the United States as a young man, coming on to Telluride before the turn of the century.

Here his first job was at the coal mine across from Society turn. He had but \$1.65 when he reached here and always retained an affectionate love for this community as it was here he got his start.

On March 1, 1901, Mr. Oberto and M. Perino opened a grocery store in the Masonic building and on the fifth he and Miss Hattie Gallon were united in marriage at St. Patrick's church. Mrs. Oberto passed away in July of 1913.

Surviving are two sons, Silvio of Telluride and Leo of Grand Junction; four grand children, Peggy and Edwin of Grand Junction and Dick and Betty of Telluride. His niece, Mrs. Mary Silva of Telluride, a grand nephew, Councilman Charles Silva; two grand nieces, Mrs. Minnie Ackerman of this city, and Mrs. Madeline Studebaker of Sacramento, Calif., and three cousins, Mrs. Katie Oberto of Palisade and Max and Charles Vezzetti of Canon City.

Columns could be written of the kindly deeds performed by Mr. Oberto who was an instant friend to the under-dog. To those who knew him, and that includes most of this section of Colorado and adjacent Utah, his memory will carry on as a friend and adviser. His going leaves a vacancy that cannot be filled.

Because of a rush of business at the Nucla hotel Monday night Mr. Oberto and Frank Garrison of the C. D. Smith Drug company, shared a room. About midnight Mr. Oberto awakened and complained of acute pains in his chest. Dr. Keating was called and attended him, leaving with instructions for Mr. Oberto to call at his office the next day.

Mr. Oberto arose at daylight without disturbing Mr. Garrison. However as he was leaving Mrs. Borchardt suggested that he return to bed and rest. He replied that he had an appointment to keep and was feeling much better.

That morning he and W. C. Huntley went to Ute on business and returned by way of Naturita where they had dinner with A. B. Couse at the Log Cabin Inn. Mr. Oberto took a bowl of soup and an apple.

Returning to Nucla he talked to Mr. Walker and Mr. Elliott and started across to make arrangements about a ride toward Telluride before consulting the doctor.

As he started around the truck he fell. One of the officers of the disabled army bomber was near and gave first aid while a messenger was sent for Dr. Keating.