Utility executive dies at 57

Montana Power Co. executive George R. Bawden, 57, of 1430 Texas died Monday night of a heart attack at his desk at the company headquarters in Butte.

He was born May 29, 1923, in Walkerville. He attended local schools and Butte Business College. He joined the utility's accounting department as an office boy in 1941 and later worked in the duplicating section.

In 1946, he transferred to the Montana Street warehouse, where he became storekeeper supervisor in 1957.

In 1966, he was promoted to departmental assistant in the purchasing department. He was named manager of purchasing in January 1973, a post he held at the time of his death.

Mr. Bawden was a member of the Northwest Electric Light and Power Association and was chairman of its purchasing and stores section in 1969.

He was a member of the Anaconda Sportsmen's Club and was active in maintaining the Big Hole River camping area. He was a member of the Butte Elks and sang in the choir at Gold Hill Lutheran Church.

He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Bodies and Bagdad Temple of the Shrine. He was a member of the Arab Patrol of the Bagdad unit.

Survivors include his wife, Andree; daughter, Kimberly of San Jose, Calif.; and sister, Audrey of Anaconda.

Services are pending from Wayrynen-Ricards Funeral Home.