

# Herman C. Balsiger

1948-

1949

Herman was born to Rudolph and Anna (Henni) Balsiger on July 20, 1880 in Illinois. During his life he worked as a grocer. He lived in Kansas City for 50 years and was married to Ada Peterson and they lived at 5711 Main St., Kansas City.

Herman attended at least one Central Region Association of the Allied Orders meeting (1950) where he is listed as a past department commander of Missouri. He was also named as being reelected commander of the Mo-SUV in the *Daily Capital News* (May 13, 1949).

He died of Duodenal Ulcer Hemorrhage on May 11, 1953 and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.

NOTE: While researching this, several references to the Black Dahlia murder case were noted. On the prosecuting attorney's list of 22 suspects in the murder of Elizabeth Short is a Carl Balsiger, who Black Dahlia researchers have identified as the son of Herman. Some information is provided below.

In late 1946, Carl Balsiger's residence was listed as 7424 W. Sunset Boulevard, near Gardner Street in West Hollywood.

He said he met Beth Short on December 6 at a real estate office on Sunset Boulevard and drove her to

Camarillo, about 40 miles northwest, where he had business. He claimed that he brought her back to Hollywood the same day and that he checked her into a hotel on Yucca Street. Balsiger said he drove her to the bus station in Hollywood, where she was to catch a bus to the bay area on December 7.

Balsiger was from a "nice" family in Kansas City, according to the district attorney records, and worked as a salesman for Marwyn Dairy at the time of the murder. He also sold flour and syrup.