

# EDWARD L. KEAR

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YONKERS, N. Y., July 15—Edward L. Kear, president of the general contracting firm of his name at 369 Lexington Avenue, New York, which he founded in 1937, died here today at his home, 9 Lindbergh Place, at the age of 49. Born in New York, Mr. Kear, who was an architect as well as a contractor, was graduated from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, and also held a degree from Columbia. He belonged to the New York Athletic Club and the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Kear leaves his wife, the former Cecelia Hone; a son, John E., and a daughter, Rosemary Kear, both of Yonkers; his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Day Kear of Brooklyn; five brothers and a sister.

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