June 17, 1930.

Death of Elmer A. Sperry

Mr. Elmer A. Sperry, a charter member of the A.I.E.E. and a past president of the A.S.M.E., died yesterday.

Funeral services will be held at the Plymouth Church, Lawrence Street, Brooklyn Heights, Thursday, June 19, at 10:30 a.m.

F. L. Hutchinson
National Secretary.
June 17, 1930

Mr. Gano Dunn  
43 Exchange Place  
New York City  

Dear Mr. Dunn:

Confirming my conversation with you by telephone today, I received a request this morning from Miss Lindhoff, Mr. Sperry's secretary (telephone: Cumberland 9700) to designate a representative of the Institute who would act as an honorary pallbearer at Mr. Sperry's funeral, and I have given your name to her by telephone.

The funeral is to be held at Plymouth Church, Orange Street, Brooklyn Heights, Thursday, June 19, at 10:30 a.m.

Very truly yours

National Secretary

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F. L. Hutchinson, Esq.,
National Secretary,
33 West 39 Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Hutchinson:

I regret exceedingly that my health does not permit me to attend the funeral services of Dr. Elmer A. Sperry and thus pay my last tribute to the eminent man who did so much for the engineering profession. He was a good friend of mine for many years, and I know that I shall miss him very much.

Yours very sincerely,
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MR F L HUTCHINSON NATIONAL SECRETARY=
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS 33

WEST 39TH ST NEW YORK NY=

I AM GREATLY DEPRESSED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF MR ELMER A
SPERRY PAST PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
MECHANICAL ENGINEERS AND CHARTER MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS I REGRET THAT IT WILL
BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL SERVICES

TOMORROW JUNE NINETEENTH STOP MR SPERRYS CONTRIBUTIONS
DURING HIS LONG AND ACTIVE LIFE BOTH IN THE ELECTRICAL
AND MECHANICAL FIELDS ARE WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
AND NOTHING I COULD SAY WOULD ADD TO THE APPRECIATION BY
ENGINEERS OF THE VALUE OF HIS WORK STOP HE COMBINED THE
CHARM OF A RARE PERSONALITY WITH AN INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLY
OF OPTIMISM, PERSEVERANCE, INDUSTRY AND ENTHUSIASM WHICH
INSPIRED AND STIMULATED TO GREATER ENDEAVOR ALL THOSE WHO
CAME IN CONTACT WITH HIM STOP I HAD THE RARE OPPORTUNITY
OF BEING ASSOCIATED WITH HIM IN SOME OF HIS EARLY
ENGINEERING WORK AND COUNT IT A GREAT HONOR TO HAVE BEEN
NUMBERED AMONG HIS PERSONAL FRIENDS=

E W RICE JR.
June 19, 1930

Mr. Edward G. Sperry
1505 Albemarle Road
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Sperry:

The following telegram has been received this morning from Mr. E. W. Rice, Jr., past president of this Institute and honorary chairman, General Electric Company, Schenectady, N.Y.:

"I am greatly depressed to learn of the death of Mr. Elmer A. Sperry, past president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and charter member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. I regret that it will be impossible for me to attend the funeral services tomorrow, June 19th. Mr. Sperry's contributions during his long and active life, both in the electrical and mechanical fields, are well known throughout the world and nothing I could say would add to the appreciation by engineers of the value of his work. He combined the charm of a rare personality with an inexhaustible supply of optimism, perseverance, industry, and enthusiasm which inspired and stimulated to greater endeavor all those who came in contact with him. I had the rare opportunity of being associated with him in some of his early engineering work and count it a great honor to have been numbered among his personal friends."

Very truly yours

National Secretary
The family of Mr. Elmer A. Sperry

gratefully acknowledges your kind thought

and expression of sympathy