

Balazs Karl J., dr. (over)

St. Louis

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**Dr. Karl J. Balazs  
Funeral Services**

Funeral services for Dr. Karl J. Balazs, a former St. Louisan and retired physician at Lutheran Hospital, were to be today at Port Charlotte, Fla., with burial there.

Dr. Balazs died last Friday of a heart attack at Port Charlotte, where he had lived since his retirement from the hospital here in 1966. He was 74 years old. Born in Budapest, Hungary, he came to St. Louis in 1903, and received an M.D. degree from Washington University in 1921. He was with Lutheran Hospital for 45 years.

On April 16, 1948, Dr. Balazs filed a suit to compel the St. Louis Board of Education to stop the released-time program of religious instruction in public schools because the classes were contrary to the First Amendment to the Constitution and violated the rights of citizens. On Dec. 7, 1948, Circuit Judge William K. Koerner issued a permanent injunction halting the school time for religion.

Dr. Balazs lived at 6058 Oleatha Avenue. Surviving are his wife, Marie A.; a son, Karl R. Balazs, Costa Mesa, Calif.; two daughters, Miss Marjorie N. Balazs, San Francisco, and Mrs. Robert Shafferkoetter, St. Louis, and five grandchildren.