

Friend of Natives

Fred Crane Dies

The almost legendary individual, Fred Crane, 73, died last week in Seattle ending a long legal career in Alaska.

Fred Crane was widely known throughout northern Alaska by the native people. He had lived years at a time in some villages. During his legal career, he had represented them on great many occasions.

Crane was Nome district attorney at the time of his death. He was assigned to that job in 1966, before which he practiced law for many years in Fairbanks.

Crane became ill several weeks ago and his illness was diagnosed as the lung cancer. He died at 10:30 a.m. last Friday at the Virginia Mason Hospital

in Seattle.

He was born in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho on Nov. 24, 1895. He came to Fairbanks as a special attorney for the Department of Justice in 1924.—He later entered private practice in Fairbanks.

Fred Crane was buried in Nome yesterday with services held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Burial was at the Nome cemetery.

The Nome Post of the American Legion took charge of the burial arrangements, of which he was a member. He was World War I veteran and also served in the second World War with Corps of Engineers.