

Rites for Clivette, Artist, Conducted

Funeral services for Merton Clivette, artist, were held yesterday at his home, 92 5th Ave., Manhattan, the Rev. Edward H. Emmet, pastor of the Manhattan Congregational Church, officiating. Former Governor William Sulzer and former Assemblyman Phelps, both close friends, spoke at the service, and Mildred Emerson, opera singer, and Princess Atalik, a full-blooded Indian, also close friends, sang. The body was taken to Fresh Pond Crematorium. It was Mr. Clivette's wish that his ashes be strewn from the Statue of Liberty.

MERTON CLIVETTE.

Merton Clivette, artist, adventurer and raconteur, and one of the best known figures of Greenwich Village for the last forty years, died yesterday at his home, 92 Fifth avenue. He was 62 years old. Death followed a lingering illness.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Catherine Parker Clivette, president of the Greenwich Village Historical Society and of the Society for the Prevention of Unjust Convictions, and a daughter, Juanyta Clivette.

It is said of Mr. Clivette, and he often repeated the story, that he had been, in his career, storekeeper, tight rope walker, circus acrobat, knife thrower and dabbler in the psychic.

He studied painting under Chase, La Farge and others, and sculpture under Rodin, and though his works were not always accorded full praise in the Village, he won the acclaim of the critics uptown with an exhibition at the New Art Gallery on Madison avenue in 1927. A frequent exhibitor in Paris galleries, he is said to have been the only American who had a painting hanging in the Luxembourg Gallery while still alive.

For many years he conducted a curio, print and painting shop at 1 Sheridan Square, and later he lived and worked, at 64 Washington Square South. He also had maintained a studio at Stamford, Conn.

MERTON CLIVETTE EULOGIZED BY SULZER

Ex-Governor Pays Tribute to Artist and Writer at Funeral Services.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon for Merton Clivette, artist, poet, lecturer, writer, publicity expert and one-time politician, in his home, 92 Fifth Avenue, being attended by two score friends, admirers and former associates. Mr. Clivette died on Friday at the age of 62.

Former Governor William Sulzer, for whom Mr. Clivette was once campaign manager, delivered a simple eulogy. The Princess Otahe, a Cherokee Indian, recited the Indian Death Song, Mr. Clivette having had Indian blood in his veins. The religious services were conducted by the Rev. Edward H. Emmet of the Manhattan Towers Church. In accordance with Mr. Clivette's wish, the body will be cremated.

Among those at the services were former Mayor John F. Hylan, former Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright, former Assemblyman Phelps Phelps and George S. Hellman, president of the Art Commission of America, who is writing a biography of Mr. Clivette.

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CLIVETTE, N. Y. ARTIST, AUTHOR, DIES, AGED 62

Painter, Some of Whose Works Hang in the 'Luxembourg, Wrote 'It' and 'Rubber Neck'

Merton Clivette, artist and writer, died at his residence 92 Fifth ave., yesterday. He was 62 years old.

He is survived by his widow, Catherine Parker Clivette, an ardent civic worker, and one daughter, Junita, a newspaper writer.

Mr. Clivette had been ill several weeks at his home,



then was taken to the West Side Hospital where it was found that he was suffering from a tumor of the abdomen.

He was born in Portage City, Wis., brought up in Wyoming and California, and studied art in this city and abroad. He had a curiosity shop in Greenwich Village at one time, which he closed several years ago.

In 1904 he published a novel of contemporaneous life, and this was followed by "Rubber Neck," which achieved a large sale. The French government bought some of his paintings.