

# Auto World Pays Tribute to Chevrolet, Dead Leader

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Automotive Detroit paid its last respects Sunday to the bearer of a great automotive name—Louis Chevrolet. Dozens who either had been associated with him or acquainted with him at one time or another bowed their heads beside his bier, prior to the removal of his body to Indianapolis for burial there Tuesday.

In conversation with the writer, Arthur Chevrolet, a brother, revealed a previously untold circumstance preceding the great man's death.

Suffering ill health for years, Louis Chevrolet's last days were clouded by what to him was a tragedy. Four weeks ago the physicians decreed that his right leg and foot would have to be amputated. Accordingly, this was done.

Thus he lost the great foot that had pressed the throttles of racing cars in earlier years and it broke his heart.

"Yes," his brother said, "they took away the heavy foot and that was the beginning of the end."

As an outstanding automotive creative worker, Louis Chevrolet was the possessor of a three-sided talent. He not only designed and built many cars, but he raced and drove them himself. He was one of a great triumvirate that year after year on the Indianapolis Speedway, vied for leadership. The other two were Fred Duesenberg (now dead) and Harry Miller. Although Louis Chevrolet never won a "500" as a driver, another brother, Gaston, did in 1920.

The driving triumphs that Louis scored were in an earlier period—the Vanderbilt Cup and on such tracks as Uniontown, Ormond Beach, Los Angeles and at Morris Park.

So Sunday, those who remember him with affection came to the Desantis funeral home, Chalmers and Charlevoix avenues, to see his face for a last time. Among them were E. C. Mahon, George Flanders, M. E. Coyle, W. S. Morse, Ben Parsons, R. G. Conley, E. V. Rippingille, John Dodge, Henry Eogle, Elma Allison, M. G. Dancy, Ben Marx, Erwin Mueller, Peter MacGregor, C. F. Kettering, Thomas J. Mulligan, D. C. Richardson and C. C. Glidden.

Today Indianapolis, where Louis and his family lived from 1919 to 1931, was paying that city's final tribute. Funeral rites are scheduled for 9 a. m. Tuesday.