

Michael Paul Sperl

Michael Sperl was born on October 24, 1886 in West St. Paul, Minnesota to German immigrants, Josef Sperl and Margaret Sperl. He attended Cretin High School and graduated in 1903 when he became a bookkeeper for Decoster and Clarke. He also worked as a salesman for Bouth Bro briefly in 1917.

He completed his draft registration on June 15, 1917 at the age of 30. He enlisted on April 29, 1918 at the rank of Staff Sergeant in the Medical Corp. He spent time in Vladivostok, Russia.

After the war, he married Agnes Cenk in Omaha, Nebraska, where they had three children. Michael had a successful career as a salesman for Shakespeare and Company Fishing Tackle where he worked for 40 years. Michael died on February 8, 1978 in St. Paul, Minnesota at the age of 91 due to complications with cancer. He is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota.