Birth year based on age of sixty-four at the time of his death.

24 Jun 1938 Reno Evening Gazette Ruffles Rites Held In South

"Tonopah - Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon for Alfred Ruffles, sixty-four year old lathe operator, who was accidently killed Tuesday afternoon while at work in the wood working department at the Campbell & Kelly foundry. Interment was made in the Tonopah Cemetery.

Ruffles was apparently instantly killed when the gouge which he was using in molding a wooden retort pattern stuck and sent the handle into his head. The fore of the blow knocked Ruffles to the floor where he was struck in the head by one half of the pattern which tore loose from the lathe when the gouge stuck. The tragedy was not discovered until late Tuesday afternoon several hours after the accident because Ruffles was working in an outbuilding away from the main foundry.

A coroner's jury Wednesday reported the Ruffles, a resident of Tonopah for the past twenty years, came to his death in an unavoidable accident and we place no blame for the tragedy.

The members of the jury summoned by Coroner Walter Bowler were: Martin Cathcart, William Hughes and J. J. Clark.