

Abe R. Yoder, 64, of Geneva, IN, passed away at 8:10 P.M. on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at his residence. He was born on Saturday, May 13, 1950. He married Rosie A. Schwartz on Thursday, May 04, 1972. Abe was a member of the Old Order Amish and worked as a farmer.

He is survived by his: Wife: Rosie A. (Schwartz) Yoder, Daughters: Emma (husband, Amos C.) Schwartz, of Monroe, IN; Rosie (husband, William) Schwartz, of Portland, IN; Elizabeth (husband, Melvin) Eicher, of Carlisle, KY. Sons: Truman (wife, Caroline) Yoder, of Carlisle, KY; Joe (wife, Mary) Yoder, of Geneva, IN; Abe (wife, Edith) Yoder, of Geneva, IN. Brothers: Mervin (wife, Elizabeth) Yoder, of KY; Wilson (wife, Elizabeth) Yoder, of Berne, IN. Sisters: Elizabeth (husband, Neil) Troyer, of Geneva, IN; Emma (husband, Emanuel) Wickey, of KY; Ida (husband, Elmer) Schwartz, of Monroe, IN; Edna Schwartz, of Fl., and 51 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; Truman & Rose (Schwartz) Yoder, and brothers; Truman and Jake Yoder.

Visitation will be held at the Yoder Residence 9411 S. 600 E. Geneva, IN., on Monday, May 19, 2014 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM and from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

The Funeral Service will be held at the Yoder Residence on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. with Bishop Benjamin C. Eicher officiating. Burial will follow in the Blue Creek Cemetery, in rural Adams County.

Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva.

Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva, Indiana online obit (accessed 5/20/2014)

IMA0012

Allabelle Jones

Rites here Sunday for Mrs. H.O. Jones

Widow of Former Berne Surgeon Dies

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at eh Yager Funeral home for Mrs. Allabelle Jones, 75, of Rochester, Ind., who died at 12:15 p.m. Friday at her residence at 201 West Ninth street in that city. Death followed an illness of two years and she had been an invalid most of this time. She suffered several strokes.

Rev. William J. Simpson, pastor of the Rochester E.U.B. church of which Mrs. Jones was a member, officiated at the service there and burial was in the M.R.E. cemetery.

Mrs. Jones was the widow of the late Dr. Harry O. Jones, a former Berne physician and surgeon who died in 1941. Mrs. Jones was a resident of Berne for 33 years and while here was a member of the Cross Reformation church where she was an active counsellor for the Girls' Guild of the church. She was widely known and admired. Mrs. Jones was born August 22, 1890, in McCreedy, Mo., a daughter of Henry H. and Katherine Adams Tyler.

Surviving are a son, George Stanley Jones, Rochester, and five grandchildren. A son, Harry O. Jones died at the age of one and one-half years. Also preceding in death were two brothers, Henry H. Tyler and Home Tyler, a half-brother, Frank Wynn and a sister, Lucille Cabiness.

Date of death 25 Mar 1966

Date of burial 27 Mar 1966

Yager's Decatur Air Seal Vault

IMAG0013**Ruth I. Klopfenstein****Native of Berne, 34, Dies Friday in Ft. Wayne Hospital**

Services were held at 10 a.m. today in Aldersgate Methodist church, Fort Wayne, for Mrs. Ruth I. Klopfenstein, 34, wife of Gordon L. Klopfenstein of the city who died at 3:20 p.m. Friday in Lutheran hospital after an extended illness. Rev. Robert Bickel officiated at the rites and burial in the M.R.E. cemetery west of Berne where graveside services were held at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Klopfenstein's death was attributed to cancer. She had been ill a number of months and had submitted to surgery some time ago.

She was a native of Berne and was born here Sept. 17, 1931, a daughter of Jacob L. and Rosina Habegger Inniger. She is a graduate of Berne high school, graduated from Fort Wayne Bible college and attended Indiana university one year. She taught at Anthony Wayne school in Fort Wayne.

She was married to Gordon Klopfenstein May 24, 1957, at the First Missionary church here. Mr. Klopfenstein is a son of Rev. and Mrs. J.J. Klopfenstein, now of Angola, formerly of this city.

Mrs. Klopfenstein was a member of Aldersgate Methodist Church and its Women's Society of Christian Service. She also had served as church organist, and was a member of the Indiana State Teacher's Association, the Allen County Teacher's Association, and was a former member of the National Educators Association.

Surviving are her husband, who is assistant principal at Aboite township school in Allen County; three sons, Joseph J., David N., Daniel M. and a daughter, Ann K., all at home; a brother, Merlin Inniger, a missionary in West Pakistan; a sister, Kathleen Jacobsen, a missionary in Japan, and her stepmother, Mrs. Fern Inniger, Berne.

Date of death 26 March 1966

Date of burial 28 March 1966

D.O. McComb Funeral Home

Fort Wayne Airseal Vault

IMAG0014

Naomi Christina Schug

Naomi Schug Of This City Dies Late Sunday

Stroke Fatal to Dunbar Office Employee, 56

Miss Naomi Christina Schug, 56, 417 Center street, died at 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the Adams County Memorial hospital. Death was attributed to a massive cerebral hemorrhage which followed an illness of two weeks of the flu. She suffered the stroke Sunday afternoon and was admitted to the hospital about 4:00 p.m. Sunday.

Miss Schug was prominently known and was employed with the Dunbar firm for 33 years. Miss Schug was a lifelong resident of this community and resided with her sister, Leona at the Center street address.

She was born in Monroe township February 1, 1910, a daughter of William F. and Clara Louise Durr Schug. She had resided in Berne for many years.

Surviving are three brothers, Carl Schug, Monroe R.R. 1; John W. Schug, Miami Florida and Harry W. Schug, Newport Richie, Florida; a sister, Leona F. Schug, Berne; a half-sister, Mildred Schug of Warren and a half-brother, Herman Schug, Berne; and ten nieces and nephews. A sister, two half-sisters and three half-brothers preceded in death.

Miss Schug was a member of the Cross United Church of Christ.

The body is at the Yager Funeral home where friends may call after 1:00 p.m. Tuesday. Services will be held at the funeral home at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Rev. Robert Hegnauer, pastor of the Cross church, officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery.

Date of death 28 March 1966

Date of burial 30 March 1966

Yager's Wilbert Air Seal Vault

IMAG0015

Vern. E. Doan

Husband of Marcella

Vern E. Doan, 75,

To Be Buried Here Wednesday

Vern E. Doan, 75, of Mishawaka, a retired school teacher and husband of the former Marcella Michaud, died at 4:30 a.m. today in St. Joseph's hospital, Mishawaka. He had been ill for two years with a heart ailment. He retired from the teaching profession ten years ago. His wife is a daughter of Mrs. J.A. Michaud of this city.

Mr. Doan was born June 9, 1890, in Bay City, Michigan and was married to Marcella Michaud Dec 28, 1946, in Berne. Mrs. Doan is the only survivor.

Mr. Doan was a veteran of World War I, a member of the First Baptist church in South Bend, Lodge 294 of the F and AN, the Ancient Acceptable Scottish Rite Valley of South Bend and the Indiana Audubon society.

Friends may call at the Sprague Funeral home at 118 S. Mill street, Mishawaka from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. The body will be brought to Berne Wednesday for burial in the M.R.E. cemetery. Rev. Gordon Neuenschwander will officiate at graveside services at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and friends may call at the cemetery at the the Gilliom chapel from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. A short service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the chapel of the Sprague Funeral home in Mishawaka, with the Rev. Stanley Dodgson officiating.

Date of death 18 April 1966

Date of burial 20 April 1966

Sprague Funeral Home

Decatur Air Seal Vault

IMAG0016
Henry M Reusser
(photo)

Henry M. Reusser, 90, one of Berne's most prominent citizens, died at 7 a.m. today at the Adams County Memorial hospital where he had been a patient since Feb. 7. Mr. Reusser suffered a stroke three weeks ago after he had been in the hospital for observation and treatment, and was in critical condition for some time. In recent days he had been improving, was able to talk again and recognized people, but he suffered a relapse over the weekend. He had been in failing health for the past few months but until he went to the hospital was unusually active for a man of his age.

Reusser was perhaps best known as Berne's weather man for many years and through this work was accorded many honors by the U.S. Department of Commerce. He was a printer by trade and from a young man until retirement was employed by the Berne Witness Company where he was an excellent craftsman and highly admired by his coworkers. For some time he had stock in the company. He helped put out the first issue of the Witness way back in 1896 when the type was set by hand and for many years served as a an officer of this organization on several occasions.

Mr. Reusser was born just west of Berne, Nov. 14, 1875, a son of Jacob and Katharina Sprunger Reusser. He was married to Elizabeth Luginbill of Pandora, Ohio, November 15, 1900, in Pandora. She preceded in death Feb. 14, 1957 and since then Mr. Reusser had lived alone at 655 Clark street.

Mr. Reusser was the second individual to own a car in Berne. He was quite handy as a mechanic and often in those early days repaired his own car and other equipment and machinery. He worked in Chicago during three years of his early life, when he was 17, 18, and 19, but spent the rest of his life here.

Surviving are two sons, Harold Reusser, Williamsport, Pa., and Rev. Verdi Reusser, Grand Rapids, Michigan, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. Reusser was the last member of his family. Preceding in death were two brothers, Dr. Amos Reusser and William Reusser and five sisters, Mrs. Solomon Habegger, Mrs. C.C. Sprunger, Mrs. Simon Gilliom, Mrs. Fred Rohrer and Mrs. Emmet Orr.

Friends may call at the Yager Funeral Home after 7 p.m. Tuesday. Services will be at the First Mennonite church in charge of Rev. Gordon J. Neuenschwander. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery. Services are tentatively set for 10:00 a.m. Thursday.

Date of death 26 April 1966
Date of burial 28 April 1966
Yager's Decatur Air Seal Vault

IMAG0017
Earl M. Webb
(photo)

Berne lost another prominent citizen this morning when Earl M. Webb, 70, school superintendent here for 34 years, until retirement in the fall of 1963, died unexpectedly from a heart attack. Mr. and Mrs. Webb resided at 307 West Franklin street and had been residents of Berne continually since 1929.

Mr. Webb had not been feeling well for two or three weeks, and last evening around 10 o'clock had difficulty in breathing. He was unable to sleep and early this morning a doctor was called. Taken to the Adams County Memorial hospital, he died at 5:15, 15 minutes after being admitted.

Though not in the best of health the past few years, Mr. Webb remained quite active. He was at present chairman of the building committee of the local E.U.B. church of which he was a member. The congregation is planning to build a new edifice and Mr. Webb was very active as chairman of the building committee. On Tuesday he and some other members of the committee made a lengthy trip in connection with the building project.

He was a member of the Swiss Village committee, a charter member and former president of the Berne Rotary club; a member and former president of the Berne Chamber of Commerce; a research consultant on adult education in the area; member of the Northern Indiana Superintendent's club and many school associations. Mr. Webb was active in Scouting for many years and was awarded some of the highest honors given in Scouting. He was a former member of the Anthony Wayne Council of Boy Scouts and active in the Red Cross work in Adams county. He was a trustee of the Trinity E.U.B. church and teacher of the Men's Bible class.

Mr. Webb was born March 22, 1896, in Macon county, Illinois, a son of Charles and Ora Twineham Webb. When he was a lad his family moved to New London, Indiana where he graduated from high school. Later he graduated from Earlham college and then received his Master's degree from the University of Chicago. His first teaching position was at Hollandsburg, Ohio. From there he went to Monroe for one year, then to New London where he was principal for two years. From there he came to Berne and served as principal here for one year, went back to Monroe as principal for three years, returned to Berne in 1929, served as principal for one year then became superintendent and served in this capacity for 34 years before his retirement. He was widely recognized as one of the most able schoolmen in the area and highly esteemed. He was unusually active in school, church, civic and community events and seldom if ever turned down a bid to help on some worthy project or committee. As chairman of the building committee of the church he was looking forward to the start of construction of the proposed new church in the west part of Berne. In 1963 Mr. Webb was honored at the Berne High School Alumni Assn. at its annual banquet, for his many years of devotion to the school.

Mr. Webb also served on the board of the Berne public library for several years and had been president of the board since February of 1965. In tribute and respect to him, the library will be closed all day on Monday.

Mr. Webb was a veteran of World War I and served overseas, being in France for 14 months with the U.S. Medical Corps.

He was married on Jun 28, 1923, at Carthage, Indiana, to Luella Winslow, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Cameron J. Webb, Fort Wayne; two daughters, Mrs. Benjamin (Margaret) Richer, Lima, Ohio and Miss Eleanor Webb, Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and three brothers, Vern, Kokomo; Norval, Plainfield and Walter, also of Kokomo.

One sister preceded in death.

The body is at the Yager Funeral home where friends may call after 2 p.m. Saturday.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. at the E.U.B. church, Rev. Kenneth Overmyer officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery. The body will lie in state at the church from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday.

Preferred memorials to the Trinity E.U.B. church building fund will be appreciated.

Announcement was made today that local teachers who would like to attend services for Mr. Webb on Monday will be free to go, but students will not be dismissed.

Date of death 30 April 1966

Date of burial 2 May 1966

Yager's Decatur Air

IMAG0018

Martha Price

Rites Saturday For Martha Price

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Yager Funeral home for Mrs. Martha Price, 87, who died early Wednesday afternoon at the Berne Nursing Home where she had been a patient for two years. Rev. Kenneth Overmyer, pastor of the Trinity EUB church of which she was a member, will officiate and burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery.

Mrs. Price was the widow of William F. Price, who is deceased. They were married on Oct. 22, 1900, at Fessenden, North Dakota, where they lived for some time.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Harold (Velma) Schindler and Lester Price of Berne; Elmer, High Point, N.C., Lawrence, Minneapolis, Minn., and William, Long Beach, California; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and a brother, Calvin Neuenschwander, Knoxville, Tenn.

A daughter, Gertrude, a son, Victor and three children in infancy, a brother Otto Neuenschwander and four sisters, Mrs. Fred Kunkle, Mrs. Emmanuel Schlecter, Mrs. Fred Tallman and Mrs. Grover Sprunger are deceased.

Date of death 12 May 1966

Date of burial 14 May 1966

Yager's Decatur Air Seal Vault

IMAG0019

Wildas Liechty

(photo)

Local Businessman, 57, Stricken During Surgery

Wildas "Dick" Liechty, 57, prominent local man residing at 305 Hoosier street, died unexpectedly this morning at the Lutheran hospital in Fort Wayne where he was admitted Tuesday afternoon. Death apparently was due to a heart attack during or immediately following surgery. Full details had not been learned here this noon and an autopsy is being conducted on the body.

Mr. Liechty was manager of Globe Hatchery and a third owner of this business, along with Orlando Lehman and E. Gordon Liechty. He had not been in the best of health for some time but there was apparently no trace of any heart condition. He recently had a thorough examination in a clinic where he was advised to have surgery to correct a defect and it was during this surgery this morning that he died suddenly. All efforts by the doctors and nurses to revive him were futile.

A member of the Globe Hatchery firm since 1940, Mr. Liechty had earlier served as a manager for years of the Berne Hi-Way Hatchery, spent one year in Michigan and was with Amstutz Hatcheries in Minster, Ohio for a few years before joining Globe Hatchery. He was a member of the First Mennonite church and Berne Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Liechty was born in this community February 14, 1909, a son of Manasse and Mary Von Gunten Liechty. He was married to Dorothy Wittwer in June of 1933.

Surviving are the wife; three sons, Nolan and Dennis at home and Evan, West Lafayette; two daughters, Mrs. Jerry (Connie) Mitchel, New Haven and Claudia, at home; two grandchildren; two brothers, Rufus and Rolandes Liechty, Berne and six sisters, Mrs. Naomi Habegger, Mrs. Benhart (Ada) Nussbaum, Mrs. Paul (Alda) Neuenschwander, Mrs. Ben (Eleanor) Jones, all of Berne and community and Mrs. Clarence (Velma) Brown, Decatur.

The body is at the Yager Funeral home.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7:00 p.m., Thursday May 26. Rev. Gordon Neuenschwander will officiate at the funeral and burial will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery.

Date of death 26 May 1966

Date of burial 28 May 1966

Yager's Decatur Air Seal Vault

IMAG0020

William Townsend

Rites Sunday For Widely Known Local Man

William Townsend, 88, one of Berne's elderly and well known residents, passed away shortly before noon today at the Adams County Memorial hospital. Death was caused by complications associated with old age.

Several weeks ago Mr. Townsend was taken to the home of a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, at Louisville, Kentucky, where he became ill. About two weeks ago he was brought to the Adams county hospital and had been a patient there since then.

Mr. Townsend was a native of Blackford county and was born on July 14, 1877, the son of Elija and Rachel Farmer Townsend. He was married at Hartford City in 1898 to Miss Emma Gray. In 1909 they moved to Adams county and lived the rest of their lives here. Mrs. Townsend preceded him several years ago. They were engaged in farming until 1922, when he became employed at the Dunbar Furniture plant and retired from that work in 1956.

Survivors include two sons and two daughters, Ora and Robert Townsend, both of Berne, Mrs. Clarence (Edna) Luginbill of Ft. Wayne, and Mrs. William (Margaret) Davis of Louisville. A daughter, Nellie, preceded him in death. There are also 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Lester (Oma) Casterline and a brother, Adam, both of Hartford City. Three brothers preceded him. They were Charles, Fred and Olie.

Mr. Townsend was a member of the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church here where services will be held at 2:00 with Rev. Kenneth Overmeyer officiating. Interment will be in M.R.E. cemetery.

Friends may call at the Yager Funeral home after 7:00 o'clock on Saturday evening.

Date of death 27 May 1966

Date of burial 29 May 1966

Yager's Decatur Air Seal Vault