Merle William Riley

February 1, 1908 – February 28, 1987



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Merle W. RILEY, 79, route 1, Monroe, lifelong resident of Blue Creek Township, died Saturday at 1:10 p.m. at Adams County Memorial Hospital. Seriously ill 10 weeks, he was hospitalized Thursday.

The retired Blue Creek Township farmer also retired from Decatur General Electric Co., in 1971 following 29 years of service. He was a member of the Adams County Historical Society and the Quarter Century Club of the GE.

Born 1 February 1908, in Adams Co., he was the son of Albert and Clara DAVIS-RILEY, and was married to Ida W. GIROD on 28 July 1934, in Adams County; she survives. Also surviving are three sons, Steven B. RILEY, Gale N. RILEY, and Norman F. RILEY, all of route 1, Monroe; two sisters Mrs. Glenn (Wilda) RUPERT, Monroe; Mrs. William (Ruth) BROWN, Decatur; one brother, Norris RILEY, of near Rockford, Ohio; and four grandchildren. Seven brothers are deceased; Rev. Vernon, Nolan, Reed, Dale, True, Alton, and Wilmer.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Zwick-Boltz & John Funeral Home, Rev. Jeffery SIMMONS officiting. Burial will be in Tricker Cemetery. Calling is from 2-9 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the Adams County Home Health Care.

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Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011

Name: Merle William Riley

Gender: Male; Race: White; Age: 79; Marital Status: Married

Birth Date: 1 Feb 1908; Birth Place: Indiana

Death Date: 28 Feb 1987; Death Place: Decatur, Adams, Indiana, USA

Father: Albert Riley; Mother: Clara Davis

Spouse: Ida Riley, informant

Burial: 3/3/1987, Tricker Cemetery