

Obituary-Berne, Indiana

Mrs. Lena Johnson 62, wife of Rev. W. Frank Johnson, died last evening [10/5/1932] at 8 o'clock at their home 6 miles east of Berne, along state road No. 118 in Jefferson township. Mrs. Johnson has been critically ill since Sunday and she slept peacefully away. Mrs. Johnson has been practically an invalid for the past ten years and had been blind during that time. She was bedfast most of the time and unable to leave home. The last time she was away from home was several years ago when she was brought to a local doctor's office. She bore her suffering and misfortune bravely and seldom complained. She suffered severe headaches at times and numerous complications caused her death.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Blue Creek Township, Sept 11, 1870 , a daughter of Henry and Barbara (Shrank) Myers. On March 31, 1892 she married Rev. W. Frank Johnson, who was formerly pastor of the Bethel Church east of town. The couple spent most of their married life at their present home east of Berne. Surviving are the husband and the following children: Ivan, of Chattonogga, Ohio; Dora, Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Mrs Frank Wise, Wabash, Indiana; Herbert, Peru, Indiana; and Minnie, Arley and Harley, at home. Three children preceded her, Ora, Lola, and Hobart. One brother George Myers of Marion, Ohio, survives. The parents and the following brothers and sisters preceded her: Mrs. Emma Baker, Mrs Henry Marbaugh, Fred, Mrs. John Parr, Lewis, Henry and William. One brother, John left this community for Alaska about 45 years ago and has never been heard from since but it is assumed that he is dead. Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Bethel Brethren church. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home and at 1:30 o'clock at the Bethal church. Rev. John Parr and Rev. E.E. Bragg of Willshire officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope.

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