

SMITLEY

Decatur, Mar. 17 -

Mrs. Virginia Smitley, 88, died at 6:30 pm today at her home here.

Surviving are five sons, Floyd and John R. Smitley of this city, Henry Smitley of Van Wert, O., Charles Smitley of Berne and William Smitley of Sturgis, Mich., and four daughters, Mrs. Clara Edgell, Mrs. Ella Speakman and Mrs. Bertha Foreman of this city and Mrs. Anna Collins of McBarnesville, Ore.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 pm at the Evangelical Church here with Rev. Lozier officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery east of Berne.

The Gillig & Doan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Contributed by Jim Cox

(Handwritten date: Monday, March 18, 1940)

...MRS. SMITLEY

Mrs. Virginia Smitley Dies Sunday At Home In This City

Mrs. Virginia Smitley, 88, a resident of this community for 45 years, died at her home, 226 North First street, Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Death was caused by complications after an illness of three weeks.

Mrs. Smitley was born in Ross county, Ohio, December 8, 1851. Her husband, John Smitley, preceded her in death. She was a member of the Mt. Hope church.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Bertha Foreman, Mrs. Clara Edgell, Floyd Smitley and John R. Smitley, all of Decatur; Mrs. Anna Collins of McMinnville, Ore.; William Smitley of Sturgis, Mich.; Henry Smitley of Van Wert, O. and Charles Smitley of Berne; 45 grandchildren; 83 great grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Four children, three brothers, and two half-sisters are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at the Mt. Hope church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. George S. Lozier and Rev. Frank Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope cemetery.

The body will be returned from the Gillig & Doan funeral home at 4 o'clock this afternoon to the residence, and may be viewed there until time of the funeral.

(Handwritten date: Tuesday, March 19, 1940)

SMITLEY FUNERAL RITES WEDNESDAY

Funeral services will be held at the Mt. Hope church at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Virginia Smitley, who died Sunday evening at her home in this city. The name of a daughter, Mrs. Ella Speakman, of Decatur route 6, was unintentionally omitted from the list of survivors.

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