

## **Berne Public Library Heritage Room - "More Misc Obits"**

**Dated Wednesday, Sept. 26, 1973**

Vilas Elzey, Sr. dies at hospital

Vilas D. Elzey, Sr., 68, of route 3, Decatur, (Monmouth) died at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Adams county memorial hospital. He had been hospitalized five days.

He retired from the Fort Wayne International Harvester in 1963. Mr. Elzey was a member of the Bobo United Methodist Church and the Moose Lodge.

Born in Monroe township, Adams county, on Dec. 6, 1904, he was the son of John W. and Orpha Clymer-Elzey, and was married on Sept. 1, 1934 to Florine L. Bunner who survives.

Also surviving are five children, Vilas D. Elzey, Jr., of Fort Wayne; Mrs. William (Jean) Murray of Decatur; Richard L. Elzey of route 5, Decatur; Max E. Elzey, of route 2, Decatur; and Charles D. Elzey of Pleasant Mills; one sister, Mrs. Leota Rash of Columbia City; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. One sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Winteregg-Linn funeral home, with Rev. Fuhrman Miller and Rev. Larry Andrews officiating. Burial will be in the Spring Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. tonight. Moose services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. (Wed 9-24-1973)

(Karin King note: Wednesday is Sept. 26, 1973...not Sept. 24)

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DECATUR—A patient in the Adams County Memorial Hospital, Vilas D. Elzey Sr., 68, died at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. The wife Florine; one daughter; four sons including Vilas Jr., Fort Wayne; 185 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one sister survive. Services at 2 p.m. Friday at the Winteregg-Linn Funeral Home. Visitation after 7 p.m. Wednesday. (9-25-1973)

**Contributed by Janice Vasilovski**