

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 1951)

**JACOB J. AMSTUTZ DIES SUDDENLY TUES. AFTERNOON**  
**Funeral Friday For Well Known Wabash Township Farmer**

Jacob J. Amstutz, 74, widely known Wabash township farmer, died suddenly at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in a field on the Gilbert Franks farm. Mr. Franks, a son-in-law, lives a mile west of the Amstutz farm which is located two miles south and 1 1/2 miles east of Berne.

Death was apparently caused by a heart attack. Mr. Amstutz had been in his usual health. He was with his son, Noah Amstutz, supervising the plowing of a field on the Franks farm, when he suddenly fell backwards and died almost instantly. He had been ailing for some time but was able to be up and around.

Mr. Amstutz was a life-long resident of this community. He was born in Monroe township October 28, 1876, the son of Jacob and Katherine Neuenschwander Amstutz. He was married to Laura Baumgartner on March 6, 1902.

Surviving are the widow and the following children: Mrs. David (Katherine) Neuenschwander, Berne, route 2; Mrs. Carl (Lena) Norr, southeast of Berne; Mrs. Anna Miller, Colon, Michigan; Mrs. A. S. (Rachel) Lehman, Mrs. Gilbert (Bertha) Franks, Noah L. Amstutz, all of southeast of Berne; Martha Amstutz, at home; a foster-son, Joe D. Carpenter, of Centerville, Michigan, who was raised in the Amstutz home; 35 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Emanuel Habegger, Berne, and two brothers, Chris J. Amstutz and David Amstutz, both of southeast of Berne.

A son, Levi, three daughters, Mrs. Thomas Lehman, Sarah and Rosina, a brother, Abraham and two sisters, Mrs. John J. J. Moser and Mrs. Jacob P. Neuenschwander, preceded in death.

Mr. Amstutz was a member of the Old Mennonite church. The funeral will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday at the residence, the Rev. Louis Amstutz and the Rev. Jacob Neuenschwander, both of Kidron, Ohio, officiating. Burial will be in Moser cemetery west of Berne. The body was returned from the Yager Funeral Home to the residence where friends may call after 7 p.m. today.

Friends are asked to omit flowers.

**Adams County, Indiana Historical Society**  
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**Transcribed by Karin King**

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Amstutz, -- Jacob J., son of Jacob and Katherine (Neuenschwander) Amstutz, was born in Monroe Twp., Adams Co., Ind., Oct. 28, 1876; died Sept. 25, 1951; aged 74 y. 10 m. 27 d. On March 6, 1902, he was married to Laura Baumgartner, who survives. To this union 12 children were born. Surviving beside his widow are 6 daughters (Katherine-Mrs. David Neuenschwander, Lena-Mrs. Carl Norr, both of Berne, Ind.; Anna-Mrs. Emanuel Miller, Colon, Mich.; Rachel-Mrs. A. L. Lehman, Bertha-Mrs. Gilbert Franks, and Martha, all of Berne), 2 sons (Noah L. Amstutz and Fred L. Amstutz, also of Berne), a foster son (Joe D. Carpenter, Centerville, Mich.), 40 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, a sister (Mrs. Emanuel Habegger, Berne, Ind.), and 2 brothers (Christ J. Amstutz and David Amstutz, both of Berne.). A son (Levi), 3 daughters (Mrs. Thomas Lehman, Sarah, and Rosina), a son-in-law (Emanuel Miller), a brother (Abraham), 2 sisters (Mrs. John J. J. Moser and Mrs. Jacob p. Neuenschwander), and 4 grandchildren preceded him in death. He was a loving companion and father, who will be greatly missed Funeral services were held Sept. 28 at the home, southeast of Berne, with Louis Amstutz, Jacob Neuenschwander, and Lester D. Amstutz officiating. Burial was made in the Moser Cemetery northwest of Berne.

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