

William John Isch, 94

William John Isch, formerly of 524 South Williams St., died at 6:25 p.m. Sunday at Christian Care Retirement Center. He had been ill the past year since entering the care center.

He was a retired farmer and retired in 1971 after 10 years in the mill room of Berne Furniture.

He was born in Livingston County, Illinois, and had resided in Adams County seven years and the remainder of his life in Wells County.

He was born Feb. 25, 1906 to Alfred E. and Elizabeth Bolliger Isch. A first marriage at Monroe on July 20, 1929 was to Iva E. Andrews, who died Aug. 6, 1974; his second marriage at Bluffton on Aug. 28, 1976 was to Doris Uptgraft Sills, who died Dec. 7, 1979.

He was a member of Old Salem United Methodist Church, where he served on several boards and held a number of offices.

Surviving are a daughter, Marlene Isch of Bluffton; two sons, Bill Isch of Ossian and Gary Isch of Vancouver, Wash; a close friend, Pauline Zoll of Bluffton; a sister, Lillian Isch of Bluffton; two brothers, Henry of Bluffton and Reuben of Bradenton, Fla.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Barbara Hunt, a grandson, three sisters and a brother are deceased.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Rev. Ralph Klinker officiating.

Burial will be in Ray Cemetery at Monroe.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Memorials to Old Salem United Methodist Church or to Christian Care.

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