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**Martin Steiner, former fire chief, dies on Friday**

Martin Steiner, 57, of 226 West Andrews street, Monroe, former chief of the Monroe fire department, was dead on arrival at the Adams county memorial hospital at 2:30 p.m. Friday, following a heart attack. He had suffered a first heart attack three years ago.

Born in Adams county July 25, 1914, he was a son of Elam and Fanny Zuercher-Steiner, and was married to Lillian Marquart June 5, 1938.

Mr. Steiner, an employee of automatic Sprinkler, Monroe, was a member of the Monroe United Methodist church, and was a former president of the Monroe Lions club.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, James Steiner of Berne route 1, and Richard Steiner of Bluffton route 3; four daughters, Mrs. Robert Smith of Jonesville, Mich., Mrs. Jerry Hirschy of Monroe, and Carla and Shelly, both at home; one sister, Mrs. Willis (Ruth) Sommer of Berne route 1; two brothers, Willard Steiner of Geneva route 1, and LaVerne Steiner of Tahlequoh, Okla.; and seven grandchildren. One brother is deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Monroe Methodist church, with Rev. Donald Wilks officiating. Burial will be in the Ray cemetery at Monroe. Friends may call at the Yager funeral home in Berne after 1 p.m. Saturday until 12 noon Sunday, and after 1 p.m. Sunday until time of the services.

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