

Fred Boenker, 73-year-old retired farmer and line repairman for the Hoagland Farmers' Telephone company, died yesterday afternoon at his home a half mile west of Hoagland following an illness of two years. Born in Germany September 19, 1866, he came to the United States in 1882 and resided on his farm for 41 years. His wife, Emma Meier, preceded him in death four years ago. The following sons and daughters survive: Walter Boenker of Adams county; Mrs. Lawrence Bradtmiller, Allen county; Mrs. Herman Mieger, Allen county; Mrs. Max Thieme, Adams county; Louis and Art Boenker and Mrs. Bertha Witte, all at home; a stepdaughter Mrs. Richard Merkle of Ohio City, O., and 18 grandchildren. Three children and a sister Mrs. Henrietta Bornkamp of Fort Wayne also preceded Boenker in death. Funeral services will be held Sunday 2 pm (CST) at the residence with Rev Paul Shultz in charge. Burial will be in St John's Lutheran cemetery, Decatur road. The body will be taken from Zwick's funeral home, Decatur to the residence after 4 pm today.

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