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A tragic case of accidental strangulation took the life of 8 1/2 month old Brooke Marie Oetting of Decatur, Indiana around 2 p.m. Friday in the home of a babysitter.

The child, daughter of Carey and Rosalind (Sipe) Oetting, was in a play pen when a strap on her bib type pants some how became caught on the side of the pen. Adams County Corner David Haggard explained this morning. The weight of the tot's body apparently as she rolled over caused her the pants to be pulled against her throat, cutting her air supply and causing the death. The infant was found by the babysitter, Diane Bauman. The girl's parents were at work when the tragedy occurred.

Brooke Marie Oetting was born on February 17 this year at year in Van Wert, Ohio. The family belongs to St. John Lutheran Church, Bingen.

Aside from the parents, other survivors include two brothers, Bryan Oetting 9 and Brett Oetting 3; maternal grandparents; Marion and Barbara Sipe of Decatur, Indiana; the paternal grandparents; Henry and Evelyn Oetting of Decatur, Indiana; the maternal great-grandma, Nettie Sipe of Decatur, Indiana; paternal great-grandparents, William and Elizabeth Macke of Decatur, Indiana.

Funeral services will be held at 12:45 p.m. Monday in Zwick -Boltz and Jahn Funeral Home and at 1:30 p.m. at St John Lutheran Church, Bingen. Rev. Luther Russert officiating. Burial in the church cemetery. Visiting hours at the funeral home are after 10 a.m. Sunday.

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