

Alberding Funeral Saturday Morning

Funeral services will be held Saturday for John G. Alberding, 88, well known Adams county retired farmer of Decatur route 1, who died at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Adams county memorial hospital. He had been in critical condition since suffering a coronary occlusion Feb. 28.

He was born at San Pierre Oct. 6, 1874, a son of Herman and Mary Wittenberg-Alberding. Two years later, the family moved to Cullman, Ala., one of five families who founded that town. Four years later, after Mrs. Alberding's death, the family returned to San Pierre, and came to Adams county in 1903.

Mr. Alberding was married to Rose Ulm at Remington April 27, 1896. They would have celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary next month.

Mr. Alberding was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Catholic Order of Foresters, Holy Name society and Third Order of St. Francis.

Surviving in addition to his wife are five daughters, Sr. Eva (Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters) of New Braunfels, Tex., Mrs. Frank (Mary) Fenker of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Floyd (Lucile) Favery of Monroeville, Mrs. Elmo (Dorothy) Miller, of Decatur, and Mrs. Henry (Marcella) Hilger of Fort Wayne; four sons, John Jr., Herman and Leo Alberding, all of Decatur, and Edward Alberding of Columbia City; 43 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Four brothers and four sisters are deceased.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic church, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. Friends may call at the Gillig & Doan funeral home after 7 p.m. today until time of the services. The rosary will be recited at 8:30 p.m. Friday and the Third Order of St. Francis services will be held at 9 p.m. Friday.

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