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William H. Berling dies following long illness

William H. Berling, 80, of 234 North Third street, prominent retired businessman, and member of a well known Decatur family, died at 1:50 p.m. Saturday at the Cooper nursing home, following an illness of three years.

Mr. Berling was a past state president of the Poultry & Egg Shippers Association, and had also been employed as a salesman for the Central Soya Co.

The family resided in Portland, Bluffton and Indianapolis for many years before returning to Decatur several years ago.

Born in Decatur Oct. 16, 1886, he was a son of Garhardt and Helen Hartman-Berling, and was married to Miss Edna Ehlinger June 20, 1911.

Mr. Berling was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Holy Name society, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, and the Oblates of St. Benedict.

Services Tuesday

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Rev. Alban Berling pastor of St. Benedict's Catholic church, Evansville, and William E. Berling of Indianapolis; one daughter, Mrs. George (Betty) Compton of Tipton; one brother, Edward Berling of Decatur; two sisters, Sr. M. Cleta, C.S.A., of Fond Du Lac, Wis., and Mrs. Paul Briede of Decatur; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic church, with Rev. Alban Berling, O.S.B., officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. Friends may call at the Gillig-Doan & Sefton funeral home until time of services. The rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. today, and the Fourth Degree K.C. will post a honor guard this evening.

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