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Dick Boch Dies Monday After Long Illness

Dick Boch, of 423 North Fifth street, prominent lifelong resident of Adams county, and former Adams county surveyor and Decatur city engineer, died at 9 o'clock Monday night at the Berne nursing home.

Mr. Boch had been an invalid since suffering a stroke four years ago. He was 68 years old.

Born in Decatur July 2, 1892, he was a son of Abraham and Beatrice Peterson-Boch, and was married to Miss Marie Tonnelier Oct. 16, 1916.

Mr. Boch attended school in Adams county and Purdue University and was a licensed engineer. He served as a deputy county surveyor under Phil L. Macklin, as city engineer for two years, and as county surveyor from 1919 to 1927. He was district superintendent for the state highway department from 1932 to 1944, first serving at Waterloo and later transferring to Bluffton, Mr. Boch was post engineer at the Casad engineering depot at New Haven from 1944 until 1955, and was deputy county surveyor from 1955 to 1957.

Mr. Boch was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name society, and also served as member of the board of trustees of the Catholic cemetery.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, R. John and Robert T. Boch, both of Decatur; two grandchildren; one brother, Wayne Boch of Oswego, Mich., and three sisters, Mrs. William (Eva) Johnson of Blue Creek township, Mrs. Juanita Roof of Marion, and Miss Gertrude Boch of Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:15 a.m. Thursday at the St. Mary's Catholic church, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. The body was removed to the Zwick funeral home, where friends may call after 7 o'clock this evening until time of the services. The Holy Name society will recite the rosary at 8 pm. Wednesday.

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