

TOPPLES OVER DEAD WHILE ENGAGED IN PREPARING MEAL

DECATUR, Ind., April 15 - Mrs. Margaret Meibers, aged eighty-one years, widow of John Meibers, died last evening quite suddenly at her home on Third street, between 4:15 and 5:45 o'clock. When her son, Jack Meibers, returned home in the evening at 5:45 for supper, he found her lying on the kitchen floor dead. She was near the telephone as though trying to telephone. She had prepared supper and had eaten thereof. She had been across the street at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. C. L. Meibers, at 4:15 o'clock and was then in apparently good health. It is supposed she suffered an attack of heart trouble. About two months ago she suffered an attack in Fort Wayne and fell to the street.

She was born in Germany, but came to this country at the age of six years. Her husband, John Meibers, who was one of the well-to-do men of the city, died nineteen years ago.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Anna Droppleman, Mrs. Joe Tonnelier, Mrs. C. S. Clark, Jack and C. L. Meibers, of this city, and Mike Meibers of Fort Wayne. She also has three step-children: Mrs. J. H. Voglewede, Henry Meibers, of this city and Mrs. C. B. Uhl, of Toledo, Ohio.

Her maiden name was Smith. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Ehinger. She also has ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Three grandsons are now in France. They are: Bob Meibers of Decatur, Eugene and Walter Meibers of Fort Wayne.

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from the St. Mary's Catholic church, being held earlier on account of this being holy week.

The deceased was eighty-one years of age last February. The birthday anniversary was celebrated at that time with a family dinner party, the celebrations being annual affairs. She was a lady of very fine characteristics and liked by everybody.

Her son, C. L. Meibers, is a motorman on the Fort Wayne-Decatur traction line.