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Mathias Thomas Dies Monday Afternoon
Funeral Services Thursday Morning

Mathias Thomas, 80, prominent retired farmer, who lived all his life on his parental farm in Washington township, died at about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon at his home, following a stroke and infirmities.

Mr. Thomas had been critically ill for 10 days. He had suffered a stroke and was confined to his home.

A resident of this county all his life, Mr. Thomas was born December 2, 1864, a son of the late Nicholas and Barbara Myers Thomas, who settled on a farm which had been in the family possession nearly a century.

Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Josephine Spangler (sic; should be Spuller) on October 25, 1894, in St. May's Catholic church in this city. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in October, 1944.

Besides the widow he is survived by four daughters, Sister M. Hildegard of St. Agnes Convent, Fon du Lac, Wis., Mrs. Francis R. Costello and Mrs. Richard Tonnelier of this city, and Miss Helen Thomas at home. One son, Clement, is deceased. Two grandchildren, Thomas and Joseph Costello, survive. A sister, Mrs. Joseph Grothouse of Fort Wayne and a brother, John Thomas of Monroe, also survive.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Mary's church with the Very Rev. Msgr. J. J. Seimetz officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. The body will be moved from the Gillig and Doan funeral home to the Thomas residence, southeast of Decatur this evening, and friends may call after 7 o'clock. Members of the Holy Name society will go to the home Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock to recite the rosary.