

## **Berne Witness, Adams County, Indiana; Wed., May 31, 1944**

**J. MORNINGSTAR DIED AFTER LONG ILLNESS TUESDAY**  
Well Known Painter, Decorator Died Last Night; Rites Friday

John F. Morningstar, 57, one of the leading painters, decorators and paper hangers in this community for many years, passed away at 9:45 o'clock Tuesday night at his home five and a half miles southeast of Berne in Jefferson township. Death was caused by hardening of the liver, following an extended illness. Mr. Morningstar began ailing a year and a half ago and was unable to follow his profession last summer, in which he had engaged for 34 years.

Some months ago he was taken to a Fort Wayne hospital where his case was diagnosed as liver trouble and little help could be given him. His condition remained about the same until on Monday afternoon he suddenly took a turn for the worse and sank rapidly until he died last night.

John Franklin Morningstar was born in Blue Creek township on July 7, 1886, a son of Benjamin and Josephine Sondag Morningstar. On November 30, 1907, he was united in marriage with Miss Effie Teeter, their wedding having taken place at Decatur.

Surviving beside his widow and his aged parents east of town, are the following children: Theodore O., at home; Mildred, wife of Marcus Schindler of this place; Miss Augusta at Portland; Virgil C. at home; Gerald E. serving his country and at present at an overseas location in England; Miss Nyla in Portland and Virginia Ruth at home; also a grandson, Eugene Schindler.

Three brothers and a sister survive. They are Charles east of town; Mrs. Goldie Roe and Benjamin H. both of Geneva and Henry Morningstar of Ft. Wayne. Preceding him were a brother and a sister, twins, Mrs. Nora Bollenbacher and Noah in infancy. Two children Chester Leroy and Dortha Ellen, also preceded him.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Maple Grove Church of Christ, with the pastor, Rev. Clarence Marchant of Portland, officiating. Burial will be in the Crawford cemetery southeast of town.

**Contributed by Karin King**