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Samuel Beitler Dies

Funeral services were held at 9:30 this forenoon at the Cross Reformed church here for Samuel Beitler, aged 79, who died suddenly Friday morning. The Rev. C.a. Schmid officiated and burial was made in the M.R.E. cemetery. A short service at the home preceded the church funeral.

Mr. Beitler died suddenly at 5:45 Friday morning while sitting in a chair at his home on Van Buren St. He complained the evening before of not feeling well, but had been uptown during the day and believed his ailment was rheumatism. Friday morning he rose at 5:30 and then sat down in a chair and died without warning. His neighbor, Jerome Yager, county coroner, was among the first notified and Mr. Beitler was dead when Yager arrived. He said death was caused by a heart attack.

Mr. Beitler was a great outdoor man, enjoyed hunting and fishing and enjoyed good health until nearly the very end. He knew birds, trees, plants and the realm of nature generally and had his eyes and faculties of observation trained to nature's beauty. It was a source of great happiness to him and he was willing to share his knowledge and his happiness with the younger people which endeared him to many.

Mr. Beitler served as janitor of the Cross Reformed church several years, as a janitor and supply janitor of the Berne school for a time and served in the same capacity many years for the annual summer Bible School. He was a member of the Berne Town Board for several years. The decedent was born in Clear Creek Twp., Huntington county, Jan 2, 1860, the son of Samuel, Sr. and Elizabeth Christner Beitler. He moved to French twp. with his parents as an infant. His father, who responded to the call during the Civil War, was killed in action at Vicksburg, Miss.

Mr. Beitler as a youth was married to Mary Wetter who survives. Four children were born to the union. Surviving are Hugo, Mrs. V. A. (Osie) Eichenberger, Mrs. W. O. (Cora) Neuenschwander, all of Berne. One daughter, Della, preceded as a young child. One brother, Lawrence of Monroe and one half brother, C.E. Stuckey survive.

Brothers and sisters preceding were William, John, Mrs. Elizabeth Ellenberger, Mrs. Magdalena Yager. A half brother, Fred of Chattanooga, O., died a week ago.

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SAM BEITLER, 79, CLAIMED BY DEATH THIS MORNING Funeral for Well-Known Resident Is Monday Morning

Samuel Beitler, 79, died unexpectedly at 5:45 this morning at his home on Van Buren street from a heart attack. The widely known retired farmer and threshing machine and saw mill operator complained a little last evening that he was not feeling well but attributed it to rheumatism. He arose at 5:30, sat down on a rocking chair and died shortly after he was seated.

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Mr. Beitler as a youth was confirmed in the Reformed church at Vera Cruz but later when he moved to Berne joined the Cross Reformed church.

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Funeral services will be conducted at the Cross Reformed church Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock following a short service at the home at 9:15. The Rev. C. A. Schmid, pastor of the church will officiate. Burial will be in the M. R. E. cemetery.

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