

Alvin R. Gilliom

Date of Burial: November 7, 1968

Burial: 237 Original Plot - MRE

Alvin R. Gilliom Succumbs Here on Tuesday

Rites Thursday for Retired Artist, 88

Alvin R. Gilliom, 88, widely known retired artist and painter, died at 12 noon Tuesday at the Berne Nursing Home following a long illness. He had been sick four years and eight months. Death was attributed to kidney failure following a number of strokes. In recent years, he made his home with the Lawrence Eicher family just east of Berne. Mr. Gilliom was the uncle of Mr. Eicher. He was a resident of Adams County for 18 years.

Mr. Gilliom was born November 25, 1880 in Hickory County, Mo., the son of Peter and Rachel Lehman Gilliom. He moved to Berne with his family at the age of 11 and resided here until he was 21. At that time he moved to Fort Wayne and was employed at the Fort Wayne Paper Box Company. Before World War I, he moved to Chicago, where he was employed as a mechanical artist and later gained fame with his oil drawings. He lived at Hinsdale, Illinois for many years and spent much time at the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, where he played his trombone. Later he attended an art institute and became well known for his painting of the old Grow Mill of which he painted over 400 pictures. His pictures and paintings are in the homes of numerous friends and relatives in the Berne area, also in the Berne Library, Swiss Village and in other places.

Mr. Gilliom was a member of the First Mennonite Church here and in later years of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. He never married.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Nathan (Martha) Gilliom (cut off)

Berne (IN) Public Library Heritage Room

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