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MRS. C. GILLIOM PASSES AWAY AT 5 AM TODAY

Became Seriously ill Last Thursday Evening at her Home

LAST RITES TO BE HELD WED PM

Mrs. Christian Gilliom, 70, nee Barbara Sprunger, died this morning at 5 o'clock at her home on Bryan street in the southwest part of town. Although in failing health for many years, her death came following a brief siege of complicated illness that was the immediate cause of the end.

Thursday evening she became ill with flu and congested lungs. Her condition immediately became alarming and her suffering severe until the end. Members of the family were present when she died.

In 1918 she went through a long and serious siege of illness and since that time her health has been poorly.

Mrs. Gilliom was a daughter of Rev. Christian and Maria Lehman Sprunger. She was born on March 30, 1863 a mile north of Berne on the farm on which school Dist. No 8 is located. There she grew to maturity and as a young woman she was united in marriage to Ezra Neuenschwander. After a few short years sorrow came into her home through the death of Mr. Neuenschwander. She was bereft with two small children, Robert now of Fort Wayne and Ada, now Mrs. Bernard Wall of Fairmead, Calif.

For a few years the couple had lived in Hickory county, Mo., where Mr. Neuenschwander died. As a widow she returned with her small children to her parental home.

After several years of widowhood, she was united in marriage to Christian Gilliom, a widower with several children. Together they reared the children by their former marriages and brought up a family of three children, on the farm now owned by Edwin Lehman southeast of town. On October 2, 1919 they moved to their present home.

Surviving is her sorrowing and aged husband, nearly 90 years of age, and the following children, Robert Neuenschwander, Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Ada Wall, Fairmead, California, by the first marriage, Clifton Gilliom, Howard Gilliom of the Berne Witness staff and Clara, wife of Tilman Flueckiger, who with her family, has been caring for the parental home; the following stepchildren, Mrs. Dan Winteregg, Mrs. Wm Rawley, Mrs. Abr. A. Lehman, Mrs. Jeff Liechty, Mrs. Jonas Sprunger and Oswin F. Gilliom of this place and Mrs. Chas. E. Laisure of New Castle. There are also eleven grandchildren and a host of step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren who knew her as grandmother. Two children preceded her in infancy, during her first marriage.

Brothers and sisters surviving are: Rev. Joel Sprunger, Safford, Kansas: Gideon Sprunger, Mrs. Peter A. Sprunger, Mrs. Sam Steiner, Mrs. Fred Hanni and Rosina Sprunger, all of this place. Ulrich, Mrs. C.C. Burry and Mrs. Abr Beer preceded her.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 at the home and 2:00 o'clock at the Mennonite church, of which the deceased was a faithful life-long member. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery, Rev. C.H. Suckau will

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