

PETER GILLIOM IS FOUND DEAD BY DAUGHTER

Thurs. Mar. 22, 1934

Father of Arthur Gilliom Former Attorney-General, Dies Suddenly

Funeral Held this Afternoon

Peter Gilliom, aged 86, prominent retired farmer and well known throughout this community, was found dead in bed at his home Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock by his daughter, Emma. He had been in failing health for several years, suffering from asthma, dropsy and complications. A heart attack is blamed for his death.

He was the father of Arthur Gilliom, former Indiana attorney general. Mr. Gilliom retired late Monday night, evidently feeling as well as usual. Tuesday morning when he failed to appear for breakfast his daughter Emma called him. He failed to answer, so she thought she would let him sleep a little longer. After a few minutes she called him again, and when he failed to respond she went to his bedside and found him dead. He had evidently been dead several hours.

Mr. Gilliom was a member of the Mennonite church and the funeral was held this afternoon at 1:30 at the home, and at 2 o'clock at the Mennonite church, Rev. C.H. Suckau officiating. Burial was in the M. R. E. cemetery.

Mr. Gilliom was born in Wayne Co., O., Oct 24, 1847, sometime after his parents, Abraham and Anna (Hofstetter) Gilliom, came to the United States from Switzerland. His exact age at the time of death was 86 years, four months and 26 days. He was a resident of this country for 42 years, 21 years on a farm east of Berne, on state road 118, and 21 years in the home on Clark street. Mr. and Mrs. Gilliom moved to Berne in the fall of 1912.

He was married to Rachel, daughter of Peter S. and Verena (Sprunger) Lehman on Dec. 5, 1872. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary about three months before Mrs. Gilliom passed away suddenly on Feb. 26, 1933.

In 1869 he moved to Hickory county, Mo., with his parents. His marriage took place there and after 20 years they returned to Berne, principally to afford better educational facilities for their children.

Mr. Gilliom was a Mennonite and served as correspondent to the official church publication, "Der Bundesbote," since Jan. 5, 1914. He possessed a lucid style and said much in a few, well chosen words. A Brief History and Record of the "Gilliom

Relationship" was also written by him. Mr. Gilliom read much, interested himself in the affairs of government and the arts, especially music. He served as chorister of a Sunday school while in Missouri.

Surviving are eleven children, Mrs. Bertha Bagley, Mrs. John Eicher, Mrs. Menno Burkhalter, Edwin, Martha, Emma and Mrs. M.E. Stauffer of Berne, Alvin of Western Springs, Ill., Arthur of Indianapolis, Noah of Long Island, N.Y, and Elmer of South Bend. There are 35 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren who survive. Three infant children preceded.

Brothers and sisters surviving are Christian, Berne; Abraham of Garden City, Mo.; Mrs. Elizabeth Rader of Versailles, Mo.; Mrs. Sam Soldner, Berne: Simon of Berne and Dan of Decatur. Three brothers proceeded.

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