

## **Charles J. Jones**

Date of Death: May 7, 1970

Date of Burial: May 10, 1970

Burial: S ½ 19, Sect 2, 4<sup>th</sup> Addition

Funeral Sunday for Retired Farmer, Twp., County Official

A prominent retired farmer of this community died at 7:40 am Thursday at the Adams County Memorial Hospital at the age of 90. He was Charles J. Jones, R. R. 2, Berne, who was known and highly respected throughout the area.

Death came after an illness about of about 30 days during which time he was in the hospital at Decatur on two different occasions. He spent several weeks in the hospital last month, was released, and then returned to the hospital last Sunday night when his condition became worse. Death is blamed to a heart condition and to infirmities.

Mr. Jones was a prominent farmer northeast of Berne, in Blue Creek Township, for many years. As late as last year he tilled a small portion of one of his farms. He was a vegetable farmer, served as a trucker, worked in the oil fields and operated a threshing rig for many years.

He was active in Republican politics, served as Blue Creek Township Trustee for eight years, served on the Adams County Council for several years and one term on the board of the Adams County Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Jones played a prominent part in the observance of the Berne Centennial back in 1952 and grew a beard for the occasion which he retained to his death.

Mr. Jones served as Sunday School superintendent and as a Sunday School teacher at the Spring Hill Church northeast of Berne, which he attended for many years. During World War I, he taught a young men's class. Most of the men in the class either enlisted or were drafted during the war and each one of them returned safely.

A native of Van Wert County, Ohio, Mr. Jones was born April 30, 1880, a son of Benjamin and Mary Dailey Jones. He spent most of his married life in this community. He was married to Ethel Siler, October 25, 1900, in Celina, Ohio. She preceded in death in 1958. Mr. Jones' mother lived to be nearly 100 years old before her death in the mid-1940's.

Mr. Jones is survived by two sons, Oral C. Jones and Ben J. Jones, both of R.R. 2, Berne; two daughters, Mrs. Esther L. Brooks, R.R. 2, Berne and Mrs. Lowell (Nellie) Sprunger, R.R. 1, Celina, Ohio; 19 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; two brothers, Clyde Jones, Van Wert County, Ohio and Harlen Jones, R.R. 6, Decatur and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Voltz and Mrs. Clara Greulach, both of Ohio City, Ohio.

A son in infancy, six brothers and two sisters preceded in death. The brothers were Dr. Dailey D. Jones, Dr. H.O. Jones, Oscar, Esais, Fred and James and the sisters were Mrs. Eva Moser and Mrs. Emma Hawkins. While all of the Jones brothers were still alive, they were featured in Life Magazine a number of years ago.

The body is at the Yager Funeral Home. Friends may call after 8 pm today until 12 noon Sunday. At that time the body will be taken to the Spring Hill Church from 1 pm until 2 pm, the time of the service. Rev. David C. Rupp and Rev. Vernon Gibb will officiate and burial will be in the MRE Cemetery.

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