

Berne Witness, Adams County, Indiana; Monday, February 16, 1931

SMALL DAUGHTER OF RUFUS LEHMAN DIES

Esther Louise, 10, Died Saturday Night Following Operation – Funeral Tues.

Esther Louise, 10 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Lehman, of 3818 Beaver avenue, Fort Wayne, died on Saturday night at 11:27 o'clock in the Lutheran Hospital in that city, following an operation for appendicitis. The operation was performed about 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon and was believed to be a success until 7:30 p.m. when the child took a turn for the worse and died a few hours later.

The report of the death came with a shock to the large host of relatives here Sunday morning and many of the near relatives went to the Lehman home during the day to extend sympathies.

The child who barely survived a siege of pneumonia last spring from which she remained weakened, attended school Friday morning but came home at noon weeping and complained of pain in her side. Appendicitis was not suspected at first. It was thought she probably was developing flu or some other light ailment. On Saturday, however the illness became severe and an operation was found necessary, which was performed immediately.

The child was born on the John Liechty farm southwest of Berne ten years ago last October, to Rufus and Aldine Fankhauser Lehman. Several years ago the family moved to Fort Wayne. Surviving are the parents and the following sisters and brothers; Violet, 21, Maryann, 13, Dorothy, 7, and Freeman, 5. Esther was the third of the children living. A son, Chester, aged 7, died on Christmas morning in 1927 with diphtheria.

Funeral services will be held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock and at 1:30 at the First Missionary church in Fort Wayne. Burial will be made in the M.R.E. cemetery here.

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