

Monday, August 1, 1938

George Martz Dies in Berne at Age of 86

Funeral for Well-Known Local Man here Tuesday Afternoon

George W. Martz, 86, well-known local pioneer, died at his home on N. Jefferson St. here at 11 o'clock Saturday night. Death was caused by thrombosis and hardening of the arteries. Mr. Martz had been in poor health for the last two years.

The deceased was born on the Jacob H. Martz farm east of Monroe, June 9, 1852, bringing his age to 86 years, and 21 days, a son of Jacob H. and Susan Head Martz. He was employed as a laborer most of his life. He hauled milk for the condenser here for about 15 years and served as Sexton at the M.R.E. Cemetery here for six years. He also worked as night man at several different factories until his health failed.

Mr. Martz was married early in life to Magdalena Kessler, of near Celina. Following her death, he was married to Mrs. Rachel Runyon. This wedding took place in 1894. She survives.

The following children survived, all from the first marriage: Coy Martz, Decatur; Thurman Martz, Dewey, Oklahoma; Mrs. Menno (Bessie) Wittwer, Berne; Ira Mertz, Fort Wayne; Ferdinand Martz, Fort Wayne. Two stepchildren survived, Roy Runyon and Mrs. Mable Fuhrman, both of Decatur, 70 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive.

One brother and two sisters survive. They are Frank Martz and Mrs. Angelina Hendricks, both of Monroe and Mrs. Ellen Hocker, Berne.

Mr. Martz was a member of the Monroe Friends church for 45 years.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the home here and at 230 at the local Evangelical church, the Rev. M. O. Herman and Rev. Andrew Davidson of White Oak officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery.

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