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Obituary

Jacob R. Martz was born near Monroe, Ind., October 10, 1854, and died near Geneva, Ind., April 16, 1926, his age at the time of death being 71 years, 6 months and 6 days. He was the son of Jacob H. and Susanna Martz and had 8 brothers and 2 sisters. Four of the brothers are dead: Henry, Dan, Joe, and James.

Those living are Samuel Martz and Mrs. Angie Hendricks of Monroe; John, George and Mrs. Ella Hocker of Berne, and Frank, who lives east of Monroe.

On July 13, 1875, he married Miss Amy Ray and for a little more than 50 years they walked life's path together.

Seven daughters made up their family circle, two of whom, Rachel and Etta, preceded their father in death.

Those living are Mrs. Minnie Kaiser, Rockford, Ohio; Mrs. Ethel Nelson, Elkhart, Ind.; Mrs. Odessa Bucher, Geneva, Ind.; Mrs. Hattie Bergman, Lafayette, Ind.; and Mary Wilhelm, Portland, Ind.

There are 24 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

About 40 years ago, Mr. Martz was converted at a meeting held at the Friends church, east of Monroe, later on coming to Geneva he and his wife united with the U. B. church. For about 30 years Mr. Martz has lived in this community and has been one of our quite respected men, he was friendly and had many friends.

For several years he has suffered, severely at times, but bravely with little complains he kept on his even way.

A few months ago, in hope of relief, he underwent an operation, and remained at the hospital a short time, when he was brought home he still held to the hope of regaining health. Yet he was willing to go, repeatedly saying, "I am ready." Cheerful to end with his family about him, he slept....