

**Berne Witness, Adams County, Indiana; Wednesday, May 31, 1944**

MRS. BEN NUSSBAUM, 86, DIED HERE THIS A.M.

Funeral Friday Morning for Local Lady; Died at Luginbill Home

Mrs. Elizabeth Riff-Nussbaum, 86, widow of the late Benjamin Nussbaum, passed away at 10:30 o'clock this forenoon at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Luginbill at 355 Center street. Death was caused by complications brought on by her advanced age and she had been ill the last six weeks.

Born in Wayne county, Ohio, on June 3, 1857, she spent most of her life in this community, coming here as a child. She was a daughter of Samuel and Anna Speheger-Riff, natives of Switzerland. Her marriage to Benjamin Nussbaum took place on December 29, 1878. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Nussbaum lived on their farm a mile northeast of town. Since the death of her husband several years ago, the aged Mrs. Nussbaum has been staying in the homes of her children here.

Surviving are six children: Caroline, wife of Simeon F. Lehman, Rosina, wife of Theodore F. Sprunger, Lavina, wife of Wilbur Luginbill, all of Berne, Wilbur Nussbaum, northeast of town, Harvey H. and Lorena R., wife of Alfred Lehman, both of Berne. There are also 22 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Abraham Riff of Keystone and a sister, Mrs. Silas Sprunger north of town, also survive.

Four sisters and a brother preceded her. They were Mrs. John Wittwer, Mrs. John Beitler, Mrs. Emil Brunner, Mrs. John Burke and John Riff.

She was a member of the Mennonite church here where funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning, preceded by a house service at the Luginbill home at 9:45 o'clock. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery. Rev. John P. Suderman will officiate.

The body will be returned to the Luginbill home late this evening from the Yager mortuary.

**Contributed by Karin King**