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MISS BERNETA REUSSER DIES EARLY TODAY

Popular Local High School Senior Passes Away at Hospital

While hundreds of relatives, friends and schoolmates were hoping for her recovery, Berneta Elizabeth Reusser, 16, popular local young lady, died at the Adams Co. Memorial Hospital at Decatur at 1:55 o'clock this morning. Her death came as a distinct shock to her large group of friends and acquaintances.

Miss Reusser was well and active one week ago today. Last Thursday night she became ill and on Sunday her condition became alarming. Doctors advised an operation as the illness was diagnosed as appendicitis and the operation was performed last Sunday afternoon.

Death was caused by peritonitis, following an operation for the removal of a gangrenous appendix, her attending physician stated today. Her operation was a very difficult and complicated one, and it was feared she might not recover. Tuesday her condition improved slightly and hope was held for her recovery, but late Tuesday her temperature went up and she became more restless. It was then that the peritonitis set in and hastened her death.

The local doctors who performed the operation did everything known to medical science to save her life. Wednesday evening when it was apparent that a second operation to allow some of the peritonitis to drain was the only chance, a specialist was called from Fort Wayne and the operation was performed about midnight. She never rallied and passed peacefully away soon after. She was unconscious before the second operation was performed.

Miss Reusser, while suffering much at times never complained and seemed reconciled to the fact that she must die. Miss Ruth Stuckey, R. N. was at her bedside constantly. (Cut off)

Berneta Reusser was born in Berne on October 27, 1917, bringing her age to 16 years and 11 months. She was a daughter of Walter and Lillie Ehram Reusser. Berneta was a general favorite with everybody, loved by all who knew her, including friends, schoolmates and teachers. She was a Senior in the local high school this year and would have graduated in the spring. Besides being a young lady of charming manners and a very pleasant personality, she was a friend to everybody. In school she was one of the most popular and talented students and will be sorely missed by schoolmates and teachers. She took part in many school activities and was a member of the Budget staff.

During the past two summers she was employed (cut off)

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REUSSER RITES HELD SATURDAY

Many Pay Final Respects to Berne High School Senior

Funeral services for Berneta Reusser who died early Thursday morning were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Reformed church here. The place of the funeral was changed from the Evangelical to the Reformed church because of larger seating capacity. The church was full, many standing as hundreds from Berne and community paid their last respects to one of Berne's most popular young women who was stricken down at the age of 16 years. Rev. M. O. Herman and Rev. J. L. Conrad officiated at the services.

The pall bearers were Jerome Steiner, Robert Dro, Arnold Fleuckiger, Edward Lehman, Horace Stucky and Herman Habegger. (Cut off)... and Gordon Bracker sang "Sometime We'll Understand," "Moment By Moment," and "There Is No Disappointment in Heaven."

Interment was made in the M.R.E. Cemetery.

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