

Henry M Reusser
(photo)

Henry M. Reusser, 90, one of Berne's most prominent citizens, died at 7 a.m. today at the Adams County Memorial hospital where he had been a patient since Feb. 7. Mr. Reusser suffered a stroke three weeks ago after he had been in the hospital for observation and treatment, and was in critical condition for some time. In recent days he had been improving, was able to talk again and recognized people, but he suffered a relapse over the weekend. He had been in failing health for the past few months but until he went to the hospital was unusually active for a man of his age.

Reusser was perhaps best known as Berne's weather man for many years and through this work was accorded many honors by the U.S. Department of Commerce. He was a printer by trade and from a young man until retirement was employed by the Berne Witness Company where he was an excellent craftsman and highly admired by his coworkers. For some time he had stock in the company. He helped put out the first issue of the Witness way back in 1896 when the type was set by hand and for many years served as a an officer of this organization on several occasions.

Mr. Reusser was born just west of Berne, Nov. 14, 1875, a son of Jacob and Katharina Sprunger Reusser. He was married to Elizabeth Luginbill of Pandora, Ohio, November 15, 1900, in Pandora. She preceded in death Feb. 14, 1957 and since then Mr. Reusser had lived alone at 655 Clark street.

Mr. Reusser was the second individual to own a car in Berne. He was quite handy as a mechanic and often in those early days repaired his own car and other equipment and machinery. He worked in Chicago during three years of his early life, when he was 17, 18, and 19, but spent the rest of his life here.

Surviving are two sons, Harold Reusser, Williamsport, Pa., and Rev. Verdi Reusser, Grand Rapids, Michigan, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. Reusser was the last member of his family. Preceding in death were two brothers, Dr. Amos Reusser and William Reusser and five sisters, Mrs. Solomon Habegger, Mrs. C.C. Sprunger, Mrs. Simon Gilliom, Mrs. Fred Rohrer and Mrs. Emmet Orr.

Friends may call at the Yager Funeral Home after 7 p.m. Tuesday. Services will be at the First Mennonite church in charge of Rev. Gordon J. Neuenschwander. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery. Services are tentatively set for 10:00 a.m. Thursday.

Date of death 26 April 1966
Date of burial 28 April 1966
Yager's Decatur Air Seal Vault

MRE Obit Book 1966-1972
Berne Heritage Room
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