

CHRIS RICH IS VICTIM OF HEART ATTACK

Well-Known Retired Business Man Dies Early Sunday Morning

Chris Rich, 66, prominent retired businessman living on East Main St., died suddenly Sunday morning at his home. Death was due to heart failure and came as a great shock to his many relatives and friends. Mr. Rich was sick only a few hours, the end coming at 4:30 o'clock A.M., Sunday. The direct cause of death as given by the attending physician was angina pectoris or suffocation due to heart failure.

Mr. Rich had been in his usual good health until Saturday when he complained that he was not feeling well. However, he made two trips uptown Saturday and his condition did not become alarming until that evening. His condition became critical several hours later. He remained conscious until the end.

Christian Rich was born in French township on February 24, 1866, a son of Joseph and Anna Moser Rich. At his death he was 66 years, 7 months and 8 days old. His boyhood days were spent on his father's farm.

He was employed with the Decatur Monumental Works for several years, chiefly as a salesman. Later he moved to Woodburn where he was associated with the Myers and Rich Hardware. Eighteen years ago the couple moved to Berne and resided on East Main street ever since. Mr. Rich had lived a retired life since then, looking after his business interests and occasionally visiting his farm in French township. He was unable to do hard work because of asthma from which he suffered for many years.

Mr. Rich was regarded as well-to-do. He served as a director in the organization of the Peoples State Bank for some time and was connected with various business enterprises in Berne.

On April 19, 1902, Mr. Rich was united in marriage to Rosa Moser. No children were born to this union. Besides his wife the following brothers and sisters survive: Nicholas Rich of northeast of Berne, John Rich of this place, Mrs. Mary Rich Myers of Vera Cruz and David Rich of Woodburn.

The parents and the following brothers and sisters preceded him: Peter, Joseph, Mrs. Barbara Stuckey, Mrs. Anna Yoder and Jacob who died in infancy.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at the home and at 9:30 o'clock at the local Reformed church. Rev. Alfred Clauser and Rev. Walter Baumgartner will officiate. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery.

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