

Thursday, March 30, 1939

Mrs. Robert Riesen Dies Early Today

Well-known Local Woman, 43, Dies at Hospital after Short Illness

Zulpha May Riesen, aged 43, wife of Robert Riesen of South Fulton Street, Berne, died this morning at 6:30 o'clock at the Adams County Memorial Hospital at Decatur. Death came after a very short illness and comes as a great shock to her family, relatives and friends. Few people knew of her illness and while death was not expected by those who knew her condition, it was sudden nevertheless.

The diagnosis was given as thrombosis by her attending physicians. Mrs. Riesen became ill Sunday morning, but her condition was not believed serious until Wednesday when she was rushed to the hospital for an operation. Despite the best of medical care, she grew gradually weaker. Thrombosis is said to be the obstruction of a blood vessel by a clot of blood, and complications arose, causing the bowels to become paralyzed or obstructed.

She is believed to have suffered greatly during her brief illness.

Mrs. Riesen, besides being a home maker, was employed at the Berne Manufacturing Company on West Main Street.

Surviving are the husband, two daughters, Mary Ellen, aged 18 and Emma Louise, aged 14, the mother, Mrs. Emma Allspaw and the following brothers and sisters: Orval, Robert and Paul Allspaw, and Mrs. Clem Smith, all of Berne and Normal and Earl Allspaw, both of Indianapolis.

Mrs. Riesen was a faithful member of the Evangelical Church. The funeral will be held at 1:45 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home and at 2 o'clock at the Evangelical Church, Rev. M. O. Herman officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery.

Berne Witness, Adams County, Indiana; Friday, March 31, 1939

FUNERAL FOR MRS. ROBERT RIESEN IS SUNDAY 2:00 P.M.

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Funeral services for Mrs. Zulpha May Riesen, 43, wife of Robert Riesen of Fulton street, who passed away at the Adams county Memorial hospital at Decatur Thursday morning at 6:30 o'clock will be held at the Evangelical church Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock following a brief service at the home at 1:45. The Rev. M. O. Herman, pastor of the church, will officiate and burial will be made in the M.R.E. cemetery.

Cause of death was given as thrombosis described as the plugging of a blood vessel through the formation of a clot. She became ill Sunday but was not critical until Wednesday when she was rushed to the county hospital for an operation. Complications including obstruction of the bowels, aggravated the case and was a contributory cause of her untimely death. Mrs. Riesen's passing away came as a shock to her many relatives and friends. She had a jovial disposition, made friends easily and was both a homemaker and a seamstress at the Berne Manufacturing company.

She was born at Willshire, O., Sept. 17, 1895, the daughter of D. W. and Emma Seitz Allspaw. She was married to Robert Riesen on Christmas day, December 25, 1912. The wedding took place in Berne, the Rev. D. A. Kaley, their pastor of the Trinity Evangelical church here, officiating.

Surviving are the husband, two daughters, Mary Ellen, aged 13, and Emma Lou, aged 14; the mother, Mrs. Emma Allspaw, and the following brothers and sisters: Orval, Robert and Paul Allspaw and Mrs. Clem Smith, all of Berne, and Normal and Earl Allspaw, both of Indianapolis.

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