

SAMUEL STEINER PASSES TO HIS REWARD MONDAY

Funeral for 86-Year Old Retired and Respected Farmer Thurs.

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Mrs. Steiner, 83, his wife, has been critically ill for several weeks from a heart ailment.

The final rites for Mr. Steiner will be held Thursday. The service at the Mennonite church of which he was a faithful member will be held at 2 o'clock following a short service at the home at 1:45 p.m.. Dr. C. H. Suckau will officiate and burial will be made in the M. R. E. cemetery.

Mr. Steiner was born February 28, 1853 at Chibo, Switzerland, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Liechty Steiner. As a nine-month old baby he accompanied his parents and other members of the family in a group that made the 3-month long rough voyage on a sail ship to the U.S. They first settled in the Sonnenberg, O., community and later moved to a farm near Berne where they were pioneer, hard-working frugal but prosperous farmers.

The decedent grew to manhood and on April 29, 1878, was married to Marianne Sprunger. They celebrated their golden and 60th wedding anniversary on April 29, 1928, and April 29, 1938, respectively.

Seven children were born to the union. The surviving are Oscar, of French twp. Mrs. Noah Baumgartner, Ferd, Mrs. Amos Stauffer and Gerhart, all of Berne. Sarah and Harvey preceded.

Brothers and sisters surviving are John, Jacob, Mrs. Elias (Rebecca) Riesen, Mary, Christine and Mrs. Daniel (Anna) Stauffer. One brother, Fred, preceded, as did the parents. Eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Steiner moved from their modern farm three miles north of Berne on the tile mill road 21 years ago last November to their home on Water street. Ever active, Mr. Steiner continued work and even this year was engaged in pruning trees and vines and had a list of gardens that he had planned to spade and plant. In his earlier days, Mr. Steiner often split as high as 300 rails a day, described as no small feat.

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Contributed by Janice Vasilovski

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