

## **Claude D. Striker**

Date of Death: May 7, 1971

Date of Burial: May 10, 1971

Burial: S ½ Lot 66, Section 1, 5<sup>th</sup> Addition

### **Claude Striker Found Dead in Illinois Motel**

The cause of death was not known today but an autopsy was to be made on the body to determine the cause. As far as it is known, he had been in good physical health. He had stopped off at the motel for the night and his lifeless body was discovered after he failed to get up at the usual time this morning, and he also failed to answer a telephone call at the motel.

Mr. Striker was a 1961 graduate of Adams Central High School where he starred in basketball. He played baseball and got his start in this sport in the Berne Little League. Later he played with the local Pony League team then high school ball at Adams Central. He played in the local slow pitch league the last few summers.

The young man was born in Monroe Township December 26, 1942, a son of Daniel and Esther Bauman Striker. He was married to Rosalyn Mishler June 2, 1962.

Surviving are the wife; three children, Tod 8, Leroy 7 and Amy 6; the parents; a brother, James W. Striker, Fort Wayne and two sisters, Mrs. Kenneth (Shirley) Worden, R. R. 1, Grabill and Mrs. Earl Howard (Marinnel) Sprunger, R. R. 1, Berne.

Mr. Striker was a member of the First Mennonite Church here.

Services will be held at 2 pm Monday at the church, Rev. Gordon J. Neuenschwander and Rev. Oliver Dearing, pastor of Pleasant Dale Church of Brethren officiating. Burial will be in the MRE Cemetery.

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**MRE Obit Book 1966-1972**

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