

**Berne Witness, Adams County, Indiana; Monday, December 31, 1945**

**WIDOW OF JACOB TESTER DIES TODAY**

**FUNERAL WEDNESDAY AT BETHEL CHURCH FOR MRS. MARTHA TESTER**

Mrs. Martha Tester, 76, widow of the late Jacob Tester, formerly of this community, died this morning at 5:20 o'clock at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Charles Schwalm at 1011 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne. Death was caused by heart disease. She had been bedfast for nearly eight weeks and had been ailing for several months. The Tester family formerly resided on a farm southeast of Berne.

Mrs. Tester was born in this community September 19, 1869, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ramseyer. She was married to Jacob Tester who preceded her in death.

Surviving are the following children; Mrs. Charles Schwalm, Elmer Tester and Mrs. Curtis Ray, all of Fort Wayne; Mrs. R. D. Williams, Bluffton and Walter Tester of near Geneva. A sister and a brother survive, Mrs. John McDonald of Sturgis, Michigan and Levi Ramseyer of Portland, also 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. One son is deceased.

The body was removed to the Yager mortuary and will be taken to the Walter Tester home near Geneva where it may be viewed after 3:00 p.m. Tuesday. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Bethel Brethren church of which she was a member, Rev. Frank Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the M. R. E. cemetery.

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