

Ora Townsend dies after long illness

Ora Townsend, 67, of 411 East Franklin street, Berne, died at 9:20 p.m. Monday at the Adams county memorial hospital, where he had been a patient seven weeks. He had been ill for 17 years, and underwent brain surgery seven years ago for Parkinson's disease. He was born in Blackford county May 14, 1899, a son of William and Emma Gray Townsend, and the family moved to Berne in 1909. He was married to Ortha Ray Nov. 20, 1920. Mr. Townsend, a retired shipping clerk for Smith Bros. Furniture Co., was a member of the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church at Berne. Surviving in addition to his wife are one daughter, Mrs. Fred (Marlene) Oliver of Berne; one brother, Robert Townsend of Berne; two sisters, Mrs. Clarence (Edna) Luginbill of LaGrange, and Mrs. William L. (Margaret) Davis of Louisville, Ky.; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. One daughter died in infancy and one sister is also deceased. Funeral rites will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Yager funeral home in Berne, with Rev. Kenneth W. Overmayer officiating. Burial will be in MRE cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home until time of the services.

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Ora P. Townsend

Date of Death: 13 September 1966

Date of Burial: 15 September 1966

Burial on: Lot 536 Orig. Platt

Funeral Here Thursday for Retired Furniture Plant Employee

Ora Townsend, 67, 411 East Franklin Street, died at 9:20 pm Monday at the Adams County Memorial Hospital following a long illness. He had been in the hospital seven weeks and had been confined to his home for several years. He submitted to brain surgery seven years ago for Parkinson's Disease.

Mr. Townsend retired from his position at Smith Brothers Furniture Company 10 years ago due to ill health. He was a shipping clerk for the furniture firm for many years.

A resident of this community since 1909, Mr. Townsend was born May 14, 1899, in Blackford County, a son of William and Emma Gray Townsend. He was married in Berne November 20, 1920 to Ortha Ray.

Surviving are the wife; a daughter, Mrs. Fred (Marlene) Oliver; two grandchildren, Pfc. Thomas Oliver of Seattle, Washington and Mrs. Clavin (Lynda) Hofstetter, a great-grandchild, Hope Lynne Hofstetter; a brother, Robert Townsend of Berne and two sisters, Mrs. Clarence (Edna) Luginbill, LaGrange and Mrs. William L. (Margaret) Davis, Louisville, KY. A sister, Mrs. Nellie Clark, a daughter in infancy, and the parents are deceased.

The body is at the Yager Funeral Home where services will be held at 2 pm Thursday, Rev. Kenneth W. Overmyer, pastor of the Trinity EUB Church of which Mr. Townsend was a member will officiate and burial will be in the MRE Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home.

Berne Heritage Room

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