

Thursday, April 21, 1938

Von Gunten Funeral Held This Afternoon

Mrs. Fred Von Gunten, 18, Dies at Hospital Tuesday

Funeral services for Rosella Von Gunten, aged 18, wife of Fred L. Von Gunten of this place, who died early Tuesday at the Adams County Memorial Hospital, were held this afternoon. The body had been removed to the Dr. Rufus Von Gunten home here. Services were held at the home at 1:45 o'clock and at the Mennonite Church at 2 o'clock, the Rev. C. H. Suckau officiating. Burial was made in the M.R.E. Cemetery.

Mrs. Von Gunten died at 4:10 o'clock Tuesday morning from complications following the birth of a baby daughter, Constance Kay. The infant, born prematurely, is kept in an incubator at the hospital and is reported making some progress. Mrs. Von Gunten never rallied from the Caesarean operation performed at 12:30 Monday morning.

Mr. Von Gunten is the manager of the Mennonite Book Concern here.

Mrs. Von Gunten was very popular here and at Decatur and the news of her untimely death came as a great shock. She was the third young woman to die in this community in the past two weeks.

Mrs. Von Gunten was born in Berne, June 11, 1919, the daughter of Charles A. and Carrie May Peel Heare. She lived in Berne until her father became superintendent of the Citizens Telephone Co. at Decatur and on August 8, 1937, she was married to Mr. Von Gunten of this place.

Surviving are the husband, the infant child, the father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heare, of Decatur; six brothers, Chester of Berne; Marion, Ivan, George, Max and Rex, all at Decatur; a step-brother, Will Tuteweiler and a step-sister Marcella Tuteweiler of Decatur, the grandfather, James Heare of Berne and the grandmother, Mrs. Joe Peel.

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