Berne Witness, Adams County, Indiana; December 23, 1936

MRS. MAGDALENA YAGER, 79, DIES HERE THIS NOON Funeral for "Grandma Yager" Is Saturday Morning

Mrs. Magdalena Yager, intimately known as "Grandma Yager," age 79, passed away at her home on Fulton street at 12:15 this noon after a three weeks' illness. Death was due to pneumonia and she had been in a coma since Sunday night.

Mrs. Yager was born of sturdy Swiss parentage, November 13, 1857, the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Christener Beitler, a few miles north of Huntington.

Her father was killed in action while serving with the Union army during the Civil War, leaving his family or widow and small children, barely able to exist in the dense woods in that region. This pioneer life and the hardships made Mother Yager unselfish and ready to help anyone in need throughout her life.

Her marriage to Charles Yager took place in this county, December 15, 1877. He preceded in death in 1887.

Children born to the union are Mrs. Rose Moran of Indianapolis, Marcus Yager of West Unity, O., Lawrence L. Yager of this place and Mrs. J. R. Zimmerman of Ft. Wayne.

Two brothers also survive. They are Samuel of this place and Lawrence Beitler of Monroe. Two half-brothers surviving are Christian Stuckey of Berne and Fred Stuckey of Mercer county, O.

Brothers and sisters preceding the deceased are John, William and Mrs. Elizabeth Ellenberger, the latter preceding eight years ago this coming Christmas.

Ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren survive. The grandchildren are Luther and Jerome Yager, Florence, Max, Carl and Lucille Yager. Robert and Mary Jane Zimmerman, Richard Moran and Mrs. R.J. Myers. Great grandchildren are Marjorie Rose, Joan and Mary Lou Myers and Suzanne Yager.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Cross Reformed church of which she was a faithful member, on Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock folowing[sic] a brief service at 9:15 o'clock at the L. L. Yager home. Rev. C. A. Schmid, pastor of the church, will officiate at both services. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery. The body may be viewed at the L. L. Yager home after 4:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

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