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HEART ATTACK TAKES LIFE OF ANT. ZUERCHER Well-Known Retired Farmer Drops Dead at Home Today

Anton Zuercher, aged 80, prominent and well-known retired farmer, died suddenly soon after 9 o'clock this morning at his country home three miles northeast of Berne. Death was caused by a heart attack, known as coronary thrombosis. Mr. Zuercher was dead when found by his wife.

Mr. Zuercher had been in fairly good health until six weeks ago when he started to fail. He attended the last German service held at the Reformed church here on Nov. 1, and he had not been able to attend church since. This morning he ate breakfast and then conducted the usual devotional service. Following this Mr. Zuercher left the house to go to the barn, but he fell dead before he reached the barn. Mrs. Zuercher saw him lying on the ground and hurried to him but he failed to answer. Death is thought to have been instant.

Mr. Zuercher was born Sept. 27, 1856, in Canton Bern, Switzerland, a son of John and Marie Buchler Zuercher. He came to this country in 1883, and moved to Adams County about 50 years ago. On Jan. 1, 1884, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Muhlethaler, also a native of Switzerland, who came to America at the same time. The wedding took place at Beaverdam, Ohio, where the couple lived for some time. When they moved to Adams County they settled on the farm where Paul Habegger now lives, and about 21 years ago moved to their present farm. Mr. Zuercher was for many years a prominent farmer. He was a member of the Cross Reformed church and a deacon in the church for 16 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Zuercher celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Jan. 1, 1934.

Surviving are the wife and the following children: Fred Zuercher, Richmond; Mrs. Clark (Rose) Lantis, Markle; and Mrs. Paul (Freida) Habegger, northeast of Berne. Two grandchildren survive, Angeline and Rosemary Habegger.

One daughter, Elizabeth, preceded. Mr. Zuercher has no surviving brothers or sisters.

The funeral will be Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Reformed church here, following a brief service at the home. Burial will be in the MRE Cemetery.