

Wednesday, May 6, 1942

Mrs. Norma Phillips, 62, Dies at Weldon Sprunger Home

Mrs. Norma Phillips, 62, widow of the late James Phillips of Geneva, was found dead early Tuesday morning at the Weldon Sprunger home in the northeast part of Berne. Mrs. Phillips was the grandmother of Mrs. Sprunger and came to the Sprunger home Sunday to visit for a few days.

Mr. Sprunger found Mrs. Phillips lying on the kitchen floor when he arose Tuesday morning. It is believed she had been dead about 45 minutes and had probably dropped over dead soon after arising. Coroner J. Jerome Yager was called and said death was caused by a heart attack. She had suffered with heart trouble, dropsy and Bright's Disease for some time.

Mrs. Phillips was born in Geneva, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ward. She was married twice, the first time to a Mr. Palmer.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Frances Hiser of Richmond and a son, Joe Palmer of Decatur. Two stepsons survive Earl Phillips of Decatur and Charles Phillips of Geneva.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 2:00 o'clock at the Geneva Methodist Church, with burial in the Studebaker Cemetery near Ceylon.

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