

Wife of Adams Co. Judge Dead

Mrs. Myrtle Fruchte Expires Wednesday

Decatur, Jan 3. - Mrs. Myrtle M. Fruchte, 57, wife of J. Fred Fruchte, judge of the Adams Circuit Court, died unexpectedly shortly before noon today at her home in this city. She had been in failing health for an extended period, but her death today was unexpected.

She was born in Darke County, Ohio, June 5, 1882, the daughter of William and Clara Beachler. Her father served as superintendent of the Decatur Schools for a period of time after moving here. She married Mr. Fruchte October 14, 1908. Mrs. Fruchte was active in affairs of the Zion Reformed Church, the Research Club and the Pythian Sisters.

Surviving besides the husband are one daughter, Miss Harriet Fruchte, at home; one sister, Mrs. Lula Zicht of Winchester and one brother, Earl Beachler of Union City.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 1:45 pm Saturday and at 2 o'clock at the Zion Reformed Church. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.

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...MRS. FRUCHTE

Wife of Judge J. Fred Fruchte Dies Suddenly This Morning

Mrs. Myrtle M. Fruchte, 57, prominent Decatur lady and wife of J. Fred Fruchte, died suddenly at 11:20 o'clock this morning at her home, 334 North Fourth street.

Death came unexpectedly although she had been in ill health for a long time and her condition has been considered serious lately. Judge Fruchte was presiding at a court trial when called to his wife's bedside. Before he arrived, however, she was dead. Death was attributed to complications.

Mrs. Fruchte, until ill health forced her to retire from an active life, was prominent in the social and civic progress of the city.

She was at one time president of the ladies' aid of the Zion Reformed church, of which she was a member. She was active in the Research club and a member of the Pythian Sisters lodge. She was always interested in civic affairs and took an active part when possible.

She was born in Darke county, Ohio, June 5, 1882, the daughter of William and Clara Beachler. Mr. Beachler, her father, served as superintendent of schools for a time after moving to this city.

She was married to Mr. Fruchte on October 14, 1908 by the Rev. C. B. Wilcox of the First Methodist church here.

Surviving, besides the husband, are an only child, Miss Harriet Fruchte, at home; a sister, Mrs. Lula Zicht of Winchester and a brother, Earl Beachler of Union City.

FUNERAL SATURDAY

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock. The Rev. Charles M. Prugh, church pastor, will officiate and burial will be in the Maplewood cemetery.

The body will be returned to the residence Thursday evening from the Zwick funeral home and may be viewed there after 7 o'clock.

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