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## OTTO COFFIN FORMER LOCAL BARBER DIES

Funeral Held Wednesday for Former Berne Man Who Dies at Martinsville

Otto Coffin, aged 55, former Berne barber, died Sunday evening at Martinsville, where he had been living since he left Berne in 1929, according to word received here. Mr. Coffin will be remembered by many local people, as he lived in Berne for about four years.

He came to Berne in 1925 and opened his own shop, but soon afterwards he became associated with Werner Lehman, and later with Marcus Lehman and Cyrus Liechty also assisted in operating the Big Four Barber Shop. The shop was then located where Ralph Liechty is now operating Ghandi's Grill. In 1929 Mr. Coffin returned to Martinsville and operated a shop there until four months ago when ill health forced him to retire. He had been sickly for a long time, suffering from dropsey, heart disease and various other complications.

Surviving are the widow, formerly Mable James, six sons and three daughters.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning at the Christian church at Russiaville, Indiana. Marcus Lehman of this place attended the rites.

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