

## **Berne Public Library Heritage Room - "Berne - More Misc Obits" dated Mar. 12, 1966**

### **Man Kills Wife, Self**

Kenneth Pifer, 65, and his wife, Esmah, both of Valparaiso, Ind., died Thursday morning of gunshot wounds in what was reported as a murder-suicide.

Pifer, who had been ill several weeks, apparently shot his wife and then killed himself in their home. The bodies were found by their daughter, when she went to their home Thursday evening.

Pifer, a retired schoolteacher and track coach, was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pifer of Convoy. He was employed as the juvenile probation officer for Porter County, Ind.

Survivors include a brother, Lloyd, of Fort Wayne, and a sister, Gladene Stedcke, of Celina. A brother, Lowell of Convoy, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at a funeral home in Valparaiso.

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