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WM. STEPLER, 65, DIES SUDDENLY

Final Rites For Former Resident of County In Ohio Today

William Frederick Stepler of 110 South Adams Street, Mansfield, Ohio, a former resident of Bluffton and Decatur, Indiana, died very suddenly of a heart attack on Friday morning, March 7th. He had gone to a service station and as he was opening the door of his automobile he suddenly collapsed and died instantly. He was born on March 31st, 1876, near Bluffton, and spent the greater part of his life in that vicinity, first on a farm near Bluffton, then later as a carpenter in Decatur. In 1935 he moved to Mansfield, Ohio, where he was united in marriage on January the first, 1938?, to Miss Rose Schmitz of 201 South Adams street. While in Indiana he was a member of St. Luke's church...and also of the ?? Sunday School class.

Besides the widow, he is survived by one sister, Miss Sarah E. Stepler, of Mansfield, also a niece, Mrs. Mack Reece. Two sisters, Mrs. Emma Erhart of French township and Mrs. Jonas Hoffman, one brother Daniel Stepler of French township and nieces and nephews, all of Bluffton, Decatur and Monroe, also survive, besides a host of friends, both in the old home and his ?? city of Mansfield. Burial took place today, March 10, at 1:30 o'clock in the Mansfield cemetery, funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Paul ?? of St. John's church, also Rev. H. (cut off)

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