

(Handwritten date: Monday, June 10, 1940)

REV. ROSE STEVENS, FORMER PASTER OF BERNE, IS KILLED
Nazarene Woman Preacher Fatally Hurt In Auto Accident

The Rev. Rose Stevens, a pastor of the Nazarene church at Kendallville, and organizer and first preacher of the local Nazarene church, died at St. Joseph hospital, Mishawaka, at 5:00 a.m. Saturday of injuries suffered Friday night in an automobile accident near Bremen.

Miss Stevens was found in an overturned automobile, where she was driving alone, in a ditch along U. S. Highway ?. It is not known what caused the car to leave the road. She had been to a funeral at Hobart, and was returning to Kendallville when the accident occurred.

According to the hospital attache, death was caused by internal injuries.

The final rites were held at Frederickstown at 2:30 p.m. today and several from here attended the final rites.

Miss Stevens came to Berne from Mt. Vernon on August ?, 1930. She worked day and night among groups here to found the new church, and on September 14, 1930, the first public preaching service of the church was conducted by Miss Stevens. She remained her until August ?, 1932, when she was appointed at Hobart. From Hobart, she (cut off) to Veedersburg and then to Kendallville where she has served for several years. Miss Steven addressed the congregation here last on April 28 at the re-dedication service of the Nazarene church.

The decedent had planned to leave today for the General Assembly at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma with Rev. Updike of Fort Wayne. She was a delegate to the convention. (cut off)

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