

(Handwritten date: May 15, 1948)

Mary (Moser) Shanebeck, wife of the late David Shanebeck, was born at Geneva, Indiana on September 16, 1871 and passed away at her home in Woodburn, Indiana, April 21, 1948 at the age of 70 years, 7 months and 5 days.

On January 14, 1894 she was united in marriage to David Shanebeck of Grabill, Indiana. To this union eight children were born, six of whom remain to mourn her departure. Henry, Clarence and Safara of Fort Wayne; Ezra, Naomi and Mrs. Selma ??cer, of Woodburn; also eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death in January 1932, and also two daughters in early childhood.

At an early age she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and united with the Evangelical Mennonite Church of which she remained a faithful member until her death.

For the past three years she was an invalid, and during this time she bore her affliction patiently. She was a loving Christian mother and the joy and delight of her life was to ??ve for and to serve others.

Dear mother has gone to her home above,

Where all is Joy and Peace and Love,

She longed to go for Oh! so long,

To join up there the ransomed throng,

She is resting now from every care,

And waiting for us to meet her there

And this we know it will not be long,

Until we too will joint that happy throng

And sing together Redemption's song.

Services were in charge of the pastor Rev. E. M. Rocke, assisted by Rev. E. J. Oyer, a former pastor.

(Karin King note: Mary is buried in Woodburn Mennonite Cemetery, Woodburn, Allen County, Indiana)

(Handwritten date: Monday, June 30, 1952)

LOCAL COUPLE PLEDGE VOWS AT PARSONAGE

Miss Romaine Litwiller Is Bride of Robert Meshberger

The parsonage of the Evangelical Mennonite church was the scene of a double ring ceremony at 11:00 A.M. Saturday which united in marriage Miss Romaine Litwiller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Litwiller, and Robert Meshberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Meshberger, all of northwest of Berne. Rev. E. G. Steiner read the ceremony.

The bride wore a street length dress of white nylon with which she used white accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Miss Marie Habegger was maid of honor in a light orchid dress with red accessories. She wore a corsage of white carnations.

Godfrey Bertsch attended the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Berne-French high school and is employed at the Lincoln Life Insurance Co. in Fort Wayne. The groom attended Berne-French high school and is employed at Moser Motor Sales.

A wedding dinner for close relatives and friends was served at the home of the bride's parents. They left for a trip to the Smoky Mountains and will be at home at 866 W. Water St. upon their return.

John D. Jorg was born Oct. 12, 1871 in Livingston County, Ill. to John and Kathryn Detwiller Jorg and departed this life at the Memorial Hospital, Lima, Ohio, on May 7, 1948 at the age of 76 years, 6 months, and 25 days. He was united in marriage to Sarah Claudon on March 12, 1893. She preceded him in death on March 1, 1943. Had she lived 11 more days they would have lived in holy wedlock for 50 years. This union was blessed with 4 children, 3 son: Roy J., Ligonier, Ind., Elton D., Waynesfield, O., and Earl R., Bluffton, O.; 1 daughter, Vida, Gallipolis, Ohio, also three grandchildren.

The first 53 years of his life were spent in Livingston County, Ill., where he was a member of the Defenseless Mennonite Church at Flanagan, Ill., and was very active in the work of the church and various institutions. He was a director and secretary of the Salem Children's Home for years, helped organize and was a director of the Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Co., Fort Wayne, Ind. Also helped organize, build and remained a director of the Mennonite hospital, Bloomington, Ill., as long as he resided in Illinois. After moving to Ohio in 1925 he transferred his membership to the Evangelical Mennonite Church at Bluffton, O., remaining true and faithful to the church and his God to the end.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, father, mother, one brother, Julius, two sisters, Amelia and Kathryn.

He will be greatly missed by the family and his many friends, for he was a kind father, a good neighbor - always having a smile and a helping hand for everyone he met.

Beautiful thoughts are those that bear,
On the wings of love, a silent prayer,
Over the mountains, or over the sea,
That His peace may ever abide with thee,
Abide with thee when the shadows fall,
When the day is done and the night birds call,
When morning comes and shadows flee,
I know that He still will abide with thee.

Funeral services were conducted at the Bluffton Evangelical church with Rev. Reuben Short officiating, assisted by Rev. E. J. Shady and Rev. C. E. Spauding. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Slagle and daughter, Janice, of Wauseon, O. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

(Karin King note: John is buried Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery, Bluffton, Allen County, Ohio)

(Handwritten date: Sept. 15, 1949)

Abraham Neuenschwander, son of the late Abraham and Miriam Moser Neuenschwander, was born near Berne, Ind., on January 7, 1888, and passed away at his home, August 27, 1949, at the age of sixty-one years, seven months and twenty days.

In his youth he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized, and was a member of the Evangelical Mennonite Church at the time of his death.

He had been in ill health the past two years. He took a great interest in the work and welfare of the church, and desired to be in God's will. He was a member of the Board of Trustees.

He is survived by three brothers and five sisters: Mrs. Amos Steiner (Katie), Mrs. Levi Steiner (Lydia), Mrs. John R. Steiner (Eliza), Mrs. Simon Nussbaum (Sarah), Sam and Jacob, all of Wayne County, Ohio; Amos and Mrs. Dina Neuhauser, of Berne, Ind.

Two sisters and three brothers preceded him in death: Mary Ann, Caroline, Benjamin, Peter and one in infancy.

Funeral services were conducted in the Evangelical Mennonite Church by the pastor, N. J. Schmucker. Interment in the church cemetery.

(Karin King note: Abraham buried at Evangelical Mennonite Church Cemetery, Berne, Indiana)

ZION'S TIDINGS

(Handwritten date: February 15, 1950)

MARY ANN HOCHSTETTLER, youngest child of Peter and Barbara Birkey Hochstettler, was born June 20, 1881, in Groveland Township, north of village of Groveland. She resided in the same and on the Hochstettler estate during her entire lifetime.

Bearing her illness with patience for about a year, God called her to himself on Dec. 22, 1949, having attained the age of 68 years, 6 months and 2 days.

She was a faithful and devoted member of the Evangelical Mennonite Church near Groveland.

After her education in the rural school near her home, she lived with her parents until their death which occurred in 1924.

Three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Stuckey, Mrs. Katherine Wagler and Miss Lydia Hochstettler, also two brothers, John and Edward, preceded her in death.

Surviving are her sister, Susan, two brothers, Joseph and Amos, all of the Groveland vicinity, besides many relatives and friends.

As we are gathered here today

To mourn our sister's going away,

Let us not dwell long upon this theme,

For she has gone to be with Him.

Her going has left an empty place,

She has finished life's rugged race;

Her body lies here in our view,

But her soul is beyond the blue.

God has seen fit to call her above,

As she was a child of His love;

So as we lay her away to rest,

We'll trust the Lord, as He knows best.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon, December 26, 1949 at the house by Rev. Richard Diemer of Grabill, Ind., using Ps. 23 for his comments. At the church Rev. Paul Rupp read from John 14:1-6 and commented. Then Rev. Rocke, former pastor of the Groveland church, now from Woodburn, Indiana delivered the funeral sermon basing his remarks on II Cor. 4:14-18. 5:1-9. He also had charge of the graveside services. Interment was in the cemetery by the church.

(Karin King note: Mary Ann is buried at Groveland Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery, Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois)

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