

(Handwritten date: Monday, March 23, 1952)

ALBERT GERO DIES SUNDAY AFTERNOON (Handwritten: Girod)
Funeral Services Tuesday Afternoon

Albert Gero (handwritten: Girod), 69, of near Huntertown, a retired Pennsylvania railroad inspector, died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Adams county memorial hospital. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage at his farm home March 3, and was brought to the local hospital the following day, suffering another stroke last week.

He was born in Monroe township, June 29, 1883, a son of Lecois and Rena Reff Gero. His wife, Edna, preceded him in death.

Mr. Gero was a member of the Huntertown Methodist church.

Surviving are a step-father, Emile Brunner of Decatur; four half-brothers, Orland Brunner of Portland, Amos Brunner, of Flint, Mich., Herman Brunner of Decatur and Noah Brunner of Geneva; and two half-sisters, Mrs. Perry Teeter of Decatur and Mrs. Albert Beer of Berne. Two sisters are deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Zwick funeral home, the Rev. C. A. Schmid officiating. Burial will be in the Maysville cemetery at Harlan. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening.

(Karin King note: He is actually buried as GERO at Harlan Memorial Cemetery, Harlan, Allen County, Indiana)

(Handwritten date: Wednesday, July 7, 1954)

EMMET ORR DIES IN TEXAS SATURDAY

Word was received here today by Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Reusser of the death of Emmet Orr at Raymondsville, Texas. He died Saturday, July 3. He was the father of the Orr children of Rockford, Illinois. Death was due to cancer and a stroke. He will be buried at Rockford today at the side of his first wife, the former Adina Reusser Orr.

(Handwritten date: Jan. 15, 1952)

OBITUARY OF MR. BENJAMIN REDIGER

Our Heavenly Father has seen fit to will home our husband and father Benjamin Rediger. He passed away after a brief illness on Saturday morning, the 2nd of December, at 1:30 o'clock, in the Mennonite hospital, in Bloomington. He was born in Livingston County, Ill., the son of Joseph and Fannie Rediger, on Dec. 27, 1867. He attained the age of 83 years, 11 months, 26 days.

In the year 1907 he was married in Peoria, to Miss Carrie Mae Lucas. To this union were born four daughters, of which one, Alverda, preceded him in death in the year 1920. He leaves to mourn: his wife, Mrs. Carrie Mae Rediger, Meadows; three daughters, Mrs. Caroline Schaer, Medows; Mrs. Kathryn Couper, a missionary in Kota, India; Mrs. Veronica Stefan, Youngstown, Ohio; four grandchildren; three sisters, Miss Anna and Miss Katty Rediger, both of Meadows and Mrs. Elizabeth Oyer, Montpelier, Ohio.

In the year 1925, he was baptized upon the confession of his faith in Christ as his Savior, and joined the Salem Mennonite Church. He was a faithful member of this church until his death.

Though we shall miss him, we know that the burden of our loneliness will be alleviated by the assurance that his lot is now (cut off)

Funeral services were conducted on Monday Dec. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Froelich funeral home in Gridley, Illinois, by Rev. Ed Emms, pastor of the Salem church where he was a member. Miss Donna ?? of Flanigan played organ (cut off)

Zion's Tidings (Date cut off)

Mary (Mellinger) (cut)...near Bluffton, Ohio...February...and went to be with the Lord Aug. 3rd, 1951 at 6:03 a.m. at the home of her son, Eldon Shanbeck, Morton, Ill.

At the age of fourteen, she with her parents moved near Lafayette, Ind., where she spent her girlhood days, as well as her married life, until a few years after her husband's death, when she moved to Groveland, Illinois near her two daughters who cared for her in her declining years.

She was married to Daniel Shanbeck November 25th, 1886. To this union were born six children; three sons and three daughters.

Her husband and one daughter, Grace Matilda, preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her departure, Eldon Shanbeck of Morton, Ill., Alpheus Shanbeck of Warsaw, Indiana, Mrs. Joseph Schnur of Groveland, Ill., Mrs. Aaron Birky of Morton, Ill., Clarence Shanbeck of Tremont, Ill., ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, Mrs. Harry Chapman, and three brothers, John Mellinger, William Mellinger and Levi Mellinger.

Her father, mother, one brother, and six sisters preceded her in death. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior and joined the Evangelical Mennonite Church in the year 1914, to which she remained a faithful member until her death.

Dear Mother,

Life is now over, the battle done,
And you rest "with Christ" until He come,
Then with all you love, together again
You will join in song to the Lamb once slain,
For worthy is He over all to reign,
It is well dear Mother, it is well.

Our hearts are bowed down with grief today,
You were precious to us all along the way,
But we bow to the wisdom that orders all.
We rest in God's love, we long for the home
When He bring's us to join you
By "His Mighty Power".
It is well dear Mother, it is well.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday August 5 from the Ludwig Mortuary in Morton at 1:15 P.M. by Rev. Peterson of the Groveland Missionary Church and at 2:00 o'clock at the Groveland Evangelical Mennonite Church at Groveland by Rev. Paul Rupp assisted by Rev. Peterson. The funeral sermon was based on II Cor. chapter 5. Interment was in the cemetery by the church.

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

(Handwritten date: Monday, March 23, 1952 [which does not agree with stone])

JOHN SUMMERS DIES AT HOME IN FORT WAYNE

John C. Summers, 68, died Sunday afternoon at his home, 2117 Pauline street, Fort Wayne, following a heart attack. A former resident of this county, Mr. Summers was born in Pendleton. He also lived several years in Wells county.

Surviving are the wife, three half-brothers and two -half sisters, including Mrs. Ben Smith of Bluffton. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Trinity Gospel church. Burial will be in the Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

(Karin King note: From death cert, death date is March 22, 1953; birth January 1, 1885)

(Handwritten date: Wed., July 1, 1953)

FATHER OF ARCHIE GRABER DIES

Peter Graber of Stryker, Ohio, died this morning, according to word received here. He had numerous relatives in this community. Mr. Graber was in his 80's. His wife is dead but several children survive. Among them is Archie Graber, a mis (cut off)

(Karin King note: Peter is buried Lockport Cemetery, Stryker, Williams County, Ohio)

(Handwritten date: March 15, 1951)

Peter Bixel, son of Peter and Vernea (Suter) Bixel, was born Nov. 17, 1863, and departed this life Feb. 8, 1951, at the age of 87 years, 2 months and 20 days. He had been bedfast for thirteen weeks preceding his death.

He was married to Paulina Geiger, April 4, 1889, who died April 2, 1923. This union was blessed with seven children.

On March 27, 1927 he was married to Emma Diller. He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, two sons and one daughter; Waldo of Portland, Oregon, Raymond of El Monte, California and Clara Chamberlain of San Jose, Calif. Also ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive. Three sons, Lester, who was a missionary to Africa, Fred and Richard, also a daughter Lillian preceded him in death. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: John and Eli of Lima, Samuel of Bluffton, Mrs. Eli Diller, Lima, Mrs. C. D. Amstutz and Mrs. D. J. Basinger, both of Bluffton. Those who preceded him in death are Chris, David, Mrs. Philip Neuenschwander and Mrs. Gid Burkholder.

He was a member of the Ebenezer Mennonite Church where he was a Sunday School teacher for 60 years, also served as superintendent, church trustee and deacon. Besides holding these offices in his own church, he filled the pulpit on many occasions in different localities.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon February 11 at the Ebenezer Mennonite Church with the pastor, the Rev. Howard Landis officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Why should our tears in sorrow flow,
When God recalls his own
And bids them leave a world of woe
For an immortal crown.

Is not even death a gain to those
Whose life to God was given?
Gladly to earth their eyes they close
To open them in heaven.

His toils are fast, his work is done
And he is fully blest,
He fought the fight, the victory's won,
(cut off)

(Karin King note: Peter is buried in Ebenezer Cemetery, Bluffton, Allen County, Ohio)

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