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MRS. DENNIS STEINER, 47, DIES FROM INJURIES RECEIVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WEDNESDAY

Funeral Saturday For Well Known Local Woman Who Dies Following Crash Between Cars Driven By Her Husband and Edison Lehman; Daughter Injured

Adams county's second fatal traffic accident in less than a week claimed the life of Mrs. Lilly Liechty Steiner, 47, wife of Dennis Steiner of 160 South Fulton street, Berne, at 1:35 a.m. Thursday at the Adams County Memorial hospital. Mrs. Steiner died several hours after a collision between the automobile driven by her husband and one driven by Edison Lehman of northeast of Berne.

Peter D. Bailey, 50, was fatally injured last Friday night in an accident near Decatur in which three persons lost their lives.

COLLIDE AT CROSSING

The collision in which Mrs. Steiner was fatally injured, and in which her daughter, Cosetta, 20, received painful injuries, occurred about 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, the Fourth of July, at a country crossroad two miles east and a half-mile north of Berne, near the Osia Van Gunten home. Mrs. Steiner suffered a fractured skull, crushed chest and other injuries and never recovered consciousness.

Cosetta Steiner suffered a broken collar bone and bruises and abrasions but was not critically injured. She is at the Adams County Memorial hospital. Mr. Steiner and Mr. Lehman escaped with minor abrasions and bruises.

The Steiner car was headed south, and Lehman, traveling alone, was going east. The Steiner's had been at the home of Mrs. Steiner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manasse Liechty, and Lehman was en route home from Berne. The crossing is unmarked or unprotected and the view is obstructed somewhat by a tree in the northwest corner of the intersection and by grass and weeds. The collision occurred almost in the middle of the intersection.

According to Walter Schindler, local state trooper who investigated the accident, the front of the Steiner car struck the left front side of the Lehman machine. All three of the Steiner occupants were in the front seat, Mrs. Steiner sitting next to the right front door. In the impact the door flew open and all three occupants of the car were thrown out.

Mrs. Steiner was found under the Lehman car and the machine had to be lifted before she could be removed. Cosetta was lying on the road just a few feet from the Lehman car, which had proceeded through the crossing after the collision. The Steiner car made a U-turn after the collision and was headed north when it stopped. Both cars remained upright. The two machines were badly damaged.

The accident occurred during the dusk period of the day. Neither driver saw the other machine until just before the collision, and then it was too late to avoid the crash. Following the collision several passing motorists and neighbors came to the scene. The Yager ambulance was called, also a local doctor was summoned and Mrs. Steiner and her daughter were taken to the hospital. It was apparent from the first that Mrs. Steiner was critically hurt. She (cut off)

...Winona Lake some time after the accident and Willa Joy returned from Winona Lake after her mother had died. Benhart Nussbaum and Howard Ellenberger went to Winona to inform her of the accident and to bring her home.

Mrs. Steiner was a life-long resident of this community and was widely known. She was born here August 25, 1903, the daughter of Manasse and Mary Von Gunten Liechty. She was married to Dennis Steiner July 17, 1925 in Berne by the Rev. P. R. Schroeder, at that time pastor of the First Mennonite Church.

Surviving are the husband, three daughters, Mrs. Howard Ellenberger (Alverda), Berne, Cosetta Beth, who has been a student at Bob Jones College, and Willa Joy, both at home; the parents and following brothers and sisters: Rufus, Rolandes and Wildas Liechty, all of Berne and community; Mrs. Clarence (Naomi) Habegger, Mrs. Benhart (Ada) Nussbaum, Mrs. Paul (Alda) Neuenschwander, Mrs. Weldon (Rufine) Neuenschwander and Mrs. Benjamin (Eleanor) Jones, all of Berne and vicinity and Mrs. C. Fred (Velma) Brown, of Decatur.

A sister, Minnie, preceded in death, also three sons, Jerod, Olin and Earling, all in infancy.

Mrs. Steiner was a faithful member of the First Mennonite church where funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Elmer Ediger, assistant pastor of the church, officiating in the absence of Rev. Olin Krehbiel. Burial will be in the MRE cemetery. The body is at the Yager Funeral home on Fulton street where friends may call.

(Handwritten date: Friday, June 29, 1951)

DIES SUDDENLY

(Photo of Walter J. Krick) (Handwritten: Died at Cadillac, Michigan, age 54)

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

John H. Lamb, Markle, and Dorothy J. H. Rothgeb, 621 Huffman St.

(Handwritten date: Monday, July 2, 1951)

KRICK FUNERAL IS HELD HERE TODAY

Final Tribute Paid To School Leader

Funeral services were held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at the First Methodist church here for Walter J. Krick, superintendent of Decatur public schools, who died suddenly last Friday morning at Cadillac, Mich., enroute home from a Canadian fishing trip.

The Rev. Samuel Emerick, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiated. Scottish Rite funeral services were also held. The body was removed from the Krick residence to the church at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Decatur school teachers had charge at the church from 1:30 o'clock until time of the funeral.

Members of the Tri Kappa sorority, associate chapter, of which Mrs. Krick is president, had charge at the residence Saturday and Sunday and also supervised the transfer of the flowers from the home to the Decatur cemetery today.

Pall bearers were Roy Mumma, Dr. Harry Hebble and Gerald Cole, members of the school board, W. Guy Brown and Bryce Thomas, Decatur high school and Lincoln school principals, and Leigh Bowen of St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Decatur.

Burial was at Decatur Cemetery.

(Handwritten date: Monday, June 30, 1952)

VIOLA LEHMAN, REV. ANDREW R. SHELLY MARRY

Local Girl Bride in Service at First Mennonite Church

Miss Viola Lehman, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Lehman, became the bride of Rev. Andrew R. Shelly, son of Mrs. Elwood Shelly, of Pennsburg, Pa., in a single ring ceremony at the First Mennonite church at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 28. Rev. O. A. Krehbiel was the officiating clergyman, assisted by Dr. S. F. Pannabecker of Chicago.

The bride, given in marriage by Ira Stucky, a close friend of the family, wore a floor-length gown of white bridal satin. It was styled in princess lines with inserted lace the full length of the gown and had long sleeves. Her veil was edged with imported lace. She carried a white Bible and an orchid.

Miss Mary Ann Lehman, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Miss Helen Habegger, friend of the bride, served as bridesmaid. Their dresses were styled identically in aqua and orchid taffeta respectively. They wore head bands and carried bouquets of yellow roses. Both wore rhinestone pins, their gifts from the bride. The flower girls were Janet Lehman, niece of the bride, and Cynthia Weaver, of Bluffton, Ohio, niece of the groom. They wore identical yellow formals and carried colored crocheted baskets.

Rev. Paul Shelly of Bluffton, Ohio, attended his brother as best man. The ushers were Weldon Lehman, brother of the bride, Marion Smith, Berne; Don Gundy of Fort Wayne and Paul Detweiler of Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Valier Flueckiger, organist, presented a musicale preceding the ceremony. She used Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, I Love Thee, Traumerei, He Leadeth Me, and Ave Verum. Hymns played during the ceremony were: Take My Life, Saviour, Like A Shepherd, Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me, Jesus Lead, and Take Thou My (cut off)

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