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WIDOW OF FRED STAUFFER DIES THIS MORNING Funeral Here Saturday For Mrs. Lessie Rebecca Stauffer

Mrs. Lessie Rebecca Stauffer.....Memorial hospital. Death followed an operation for obstruction of the bowels. She had been ill for about three weeks. Mrs. Stauffer resided five and one half miles northeast of Berne.

Mrs. Stauffer was born February 4, 1876 on the farm where she had now resided. She was the daughter of John and Caroline Duer. She was married to Frederick Stauffer on February 9, 1897. He preceded in December of 1939.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Tony Meyers, Decatur; Mrs. Kenneth Hawkins, Milford, Indiana; Henry Stauffer, Decatur; Noah Stauffer, Chestnut, Illinois; John Stauffer, Bluffton route; Mrs. Merlin Ross, Decatur; Gottlieb Stauffer, Decatur; Eleanor DeArmond, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Harold Van Camp, Fort Wayne; James W. Stauffer, Decatur; Mrs. Clarence DeArmond, at home, and Amos Stauffer, of Monroe. A son, Fred Stauffer, is deceased. 33 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive, also one brother and two sisters, James W. Duer, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Rozantha Watson, Albion, Mich., and Mrs. Goldie Smith, Manton, Michigan.

Mrs. Stauffer was a member of the Cross Reformed church. The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 10:30 at the church, the Rev. C. A. Schmid officiating. Burial will be in the MRE cemetery. The body was brought to the Yager mortuary and will be taken to the home Thursday evening.

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HENRY LAISURE DIES TODAY AT COUNTY HOSPITAL Rites Friday For Former Berne Merchant Who is Dead at 88

(beginning cut off)...ing physician. His condition had been extremely grave the past few days.

Mr. Laisure had been in failing health for some time. He had his left leg amputated at the hospital on Saturday, November 24, and had been a patient there since. He had apparently recovered nicely from the operation and was gaining strength when complications of heart and kidney developed and caused his death.

Laisure ran a variety or "racket" store here for several years, selling out to Menno Burkhalter in 1903 and Burkhalter started The Fair Store. Laisure also farmed for a few years and was employed at the Dunbar furniture plant for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Laisure lived in Michigan for 16 years following their marriage, then moved to Berne and lived here since. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 17 of this year.

Mr. Laisure was born in Wisconsin on November 20, 1857, the son of John and Magdalene (Martz) Laisure. He was married to Elizabeth Striker on November 20, 1885. She survives and is confined to her bed at the present, suffering from the flu and may not be able to attend her husband's funeral.

Surviving are the widow, who is 78 years of age; four sons, Ora H. Laisure, Fremont, Michigan; Freem J. Laisure, East Jordan, Michigan; Paul E. Laisure, Hesperia, Michigan and Corliss Laisure, Laura, Illinois. Two brothers and two sisters survive. They are Rush and Charles Laisure, both of New Castle; Mrs. Catherine Marion of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Suzanna Iliff of Wyoming.

Four sons, Dennis, Andrew, and Forest, and one in infancy, two daughters, Gracie and Clara, two sisters and three brothers preceded.

Mrs. Laisure was a member of the Trinity Evangelical church here. The body was taken to the Yager mortuary and will be removed from there to the Yager funeral home at 4:00 o'clock Thursday where it may be viewed. The funeral will be held at the Yager funeral home at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, the Rev. C. P. Maas, pastor of the Evangelical (cut off)

(Karin King note: Henry Laisure is buried in M.R.E. cemetery, Berne, Indiana)

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