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EHR SAM RITES HELD TODAY

J. M. Eh rsam, 69, Dies Here Friday Morning

Funeral services for J. M. Eh rsam, aged 69, who died here Friday morning were held this afternoon. A short service was held at his home on Fulton street where he died, at 1:30 o'clock and at 2 o'clock the funeral was held at the Reformed church of which he was a member. Rev. C. W. H. Sauerwein of Plymouth, formerly pastor of the local Reformed church, officiated. Burial was in the M.R.E. cemetery.

Mr. Eh rsam was one of the best known men in town, with a wide host of relatives and friends. He died at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning. Death was caused by heart trouble and complications. He had been ill since two years ago last July 19.

Mr. Eh rsam's favorite hobby was sports and he was an ardent fan of the Berne high school teams, and attended games as long as he was physically able. Even while confined to his home he took a keen interest in the home team and also in the one at Lynn, where his son Robert has been coaching.

Mr. Eh rsam had been the operator of the band saw at the Dunbar Furniture Manufacturing company until he became ill. He was a resident of the county since he was 18 years old.

His birth took place in Canton Bern, Switzerland, on September 18, 1865, bringing his exact age to 69 years, five months and 20 days. He was the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Ellenberger Eh rsam who passed away many years ago. They were natives of Switzerland.

His marriage to Miss Emma Braun was an event of August 13, 1895, and took place in Berne. His wife preceded him, dying on May 3, 1928.

Mr. Eh rsam spent most of the time from July 19, 1932, when he stopped working, to February 1933, in a clinic at Columbus, Ohio, in an endeavor to recover his health. He had not been able to go out of the house since a year ago last October, but was able to sit up in his chair until his grandchild, Miss Berneta Reusser died on September 26, 1934. It was a severe blow to him and since that time he was confined to his bed.

Mr. Eh rsam was a member of the Cross reformed church of this place and the B. P. O. E. at Decatur.

Prior to his residence in Berne he lived on a farm in Hartford township.

Children who survive are Mrs. Walter Reusser, Mrs. Homer Neaderhouser of Berne, Clara, Mynne and Edward at home, Henry of Berne and Robert, teacher and coach of the Lynn high school.

Brothers and sisters who survive are Mrs. Ida Girod of Salem, Oregon, Ernest of Pleasant Mills, Oscar of Monroe, Paul of Marion, Mrs. Calvin Sauer of Richmond, Mrs. Sam Miller of Columbus, O., and Miss Elizabeth of Columbus, Ohio. A sister, Mrs. William Miller, preceded him in death.

Four grandchildren also survive Mr. Eh rsam. They are Phyllis Ann and Mary Louise, children of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Neaderhouser, and Wayne and Patty Lou, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reusser.

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