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NICHOLAS RICH PASSES AWAY ON SATURDAY Prominent Monroe Twp. Farmer is Victim of Cancer FUNERAL IS TUESDAY P.M.

Nicholas Rich, aged 67, prominent and esteemed Monroe township farmer, died at 9:45 o'clock Saturday evening at his home several miles northeast of Berne. Death was caused by cancer from which he had suffered for several years. Mr. Rich gradually became weaker the last two or three weeks and suffered considerably at times. He was conscious until just before the end.

Mr. Rich was taken to the Cleveland Clinic hospital Feb. 4, where he underwent an operation for cancer of the throat. Two or three blood transfusions were made after the operation and Mr. Rich made a gradual recovery and was able to be brought home. He recovered slowly and was able to come to town one Saturday several weeks ago. His condition, however, became serious again some time ago.

The deceased was born in French township, Dec. 6, 1867, a son of Joseph and Anna Moser Rich. He was born on the old Joseph Rich homestead and at the time of his death was ? years, 5 months and 5 days old. He spent his entire life in this community. Most of his life was spent on the farm, and he was known as one of the leading farmers of Adams county. Mr. Rich was married to Elizabeth Bailey April 26, 1894.

INTERESTED IN BUSINESS

Mr. Rich was a stockholder of the Peoples State Bank here and a former director of the institution. He was also financially interested in other business activities. For two years in his early manhood days he was employed in Berne, clerking at the Allison and Simison store. Mr. and Mrs. Rich had resided on their present farm for the past eleven years, but lived on another farm just across the road from their home, for a long time.

Surviving are the widow and two children, William and Mrs. Rufus (Ida) Nussbaum, both of northeast of Berne. Two brothers, John of Berne and David of Fort Wayne, and one sister, Mrs. Jonas Myers of Vera Cruz, survive.

His parents, one daughter, Mrs. Edna Beer, and the following brothers and sisters preceded him: Chris, Joseph, Peter, Jacob, Mrs. Barbara Stucky and Mrs. Anna Yoder.

Mr. Rich was a member of the Reformed church and was active in church work. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home and at 2 o'clock at the local Reformed church, Rev. C. W. H. Sauerwein, of Plymouth, formerly of Berne, and Rev. C. H. Suckau, officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery.

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MRS. FRIEND DIES TODAY Mrs. Charles F. Friend Dies This Morning After Long Illness

Mrs. Daisy L. Friend, 57, wife of Charles F. Friend of north of Decatur, died at her home at 7:30 o'clock this morning following an extended illness.

Mrs. Friend fell in Decatur [sic: should be December?] 1933, and broke her hip, and the following June suffered a stroke of paralysis. She had been bedfast since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Friend and family resided on the Fonner Stock farm north of Decatur on federal road 27. They had moved there in the spring of 1932 from Dekalb county.

Survivors besides the husband include five children, Marie, Royal and Violet, at home; Arthur at Auburn and Gladys at home; a sister, Mrs. Dancer of Lincoln, Nebraska; and four brothers, Dr. J. W. Squires of Fort Wayne; O. V. Squires, Philmore and Newton Squires of Auburn. Three brothers are deceased.

The body was removed to the Zwick funeral home and will be returned to the Friend home Wednesday morning. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

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DEATH CLAIMS L. L. MERRYMAN Leonard L. Merryman Dies Monday Afternoon After Long Illness

Leonard L. Merryman, 58, a lifelong resident of Adams County and prominent barber in this city for 35 years, died at his home at the National Hotel, corner First and Madison streets, Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Death was due to complications. Mr. Merryman had been ailing for several years and he had been bedfast for three weeks.

Mr. Merryman was a barber by trade, and retired six years ago when he suffered an ailment of the eyes. He underwent an operation for the ailment.

He was a member of the Modern Woodman organization and of the First Evangelical church.

Mr. Merryman was born January 12, 1877, in Adams county, near Monroe, and was a son of Henry and Mary Edwards-Merryman. His marriage to Laura Jane Niccum took place in Decatur on April 28, 1902.

Survivors include the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Frances Graber, Decatur, Mrs. Winifred Insley, Fort Wayne; two sons, Clarence and Leonard, Jr., Decatur; five sisters, Mrs. Anna Evans, Mrs. Dora Leck, Mrs. Gertrude Fike, and Mrs. Margaret Rost of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Dessie Rassman of India. Mrs. Rassman is enroute home at the present time and will arrive in Indianapolis on June 30. Five grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the National Hotel and at 2 o'clock at the First Evangelical church with Rev. M. W. Sundermann officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

The body will be returned to the home from Zwick's funeral home this evening and may be viewed until time for the funeral.

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