

(Handwritten date: Monday, April 29, 1940)

...DIES SUDDENLY

Washington Township Farmer Dies of Sudden Heart Attack

William Mitchell, 66, Washington township farmer, died Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock at his home north of Monroe.

Death came suddenly and was attributed to a heart attack, although he had been ailing for about six weeks. He was a member of the Monroe Methodist church.

The deceased was born in Homer, Illinois April 6, 1872, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell. He came to Monroe about 30 years ago. He was married to Emily Furnish February 20, 1895.

Surviving, besides the widow, are the following children: Clarence of Monroe, Arthur of Decatur, Mrs. H. E. Rupert of Monroe, Floyd and Kenneth of Decatur, Russell of Monroe and Mrs. Ralph Bluhm of Decatur. One daughter died in infancy.

Three brothers, John of Shelton, Nebraska, Newton of Denver, Colorado and Joseph of Urbana, Illinois, also survive. Three brothers and two sisters are deceased. Fifteen grandchildren are living.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home, two miles east and one-half mile north of Monroe, and at 2 o'clock at the church. Burial will be in the Ray cemetery.

The body was removed from the Zwick funeral home to the residence late this afternoon and may be viewed there until time for the services. Rev. Raymond Hart will officiate at the services, assisted by Rev. Glen Marshall.

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(Handwritten date: Wednesday, May 1, 1940)

(Handwritten: Died April 28, 1940) The community was shocked by the sudden death of William Mitchell, well known farmer and excellent citizen of Washington township. For thirty years he had resided here and during that time formed many warm friendships by his industrious attitude and his integrity. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family. The township has lost one of it's outstanding citizens.

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(Handwritten date: Monday, April 22, 1940)

Mrs. Dan Zuercher, who has been keeping rooms at the home of Mrs. Ben Habegger, plans to move Tuesday to the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rauch in Hartford township, where she will make her home.

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