

Thursday, August 12, 1942

Ray Wertzberger Dies Last Night Short Funeral Rites Saturday Afternoon

Short funeral services for Raymond E. Wertzberger, 34, popular young business man of this city, whose death occurred at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Adams County Memorial Hospital, will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Since Saturday is the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation, no funeral mass can be said in the morning. The requiem mass will be said at 9 o'clock Monday morning, with Rev. Joseph J. Seimetz, pastor, officiating.

The casket will be taken to the church Saturday afternoon and blessed. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery. Also due to the fact that Francis and Richard Wertzberger, brothers of the deceased and members of the United States Army, must return to camp, the short service was arranged for Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Wertzberger took ill a week ago and his condition became critical yesterday. He was in a dying condition when removed to the hospital. A lung had collapsed and no hope was extended for his recovery.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wertzberger of Mercer Avenue, Mr. Wertzberger was born in Decatur, January 11, 1908. Following his graduation from school he became associated with his father in the confectionery business on Monroe Street.

Besides his parents he is survived by three brothers and two sisters, Brother Maurice, C.S.C. of Notre Dame; Francis J. of Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., Richard J. of Camp Chaffee, Ark., Mrs. Joe Murphy of this city; Mrs. Robert Coffee of Chicago; and Apprentice Seaman Herbert Welker of Navy Pier, Chicago, who made his home with the family.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society and the Third Order of St. Francis. Members of the above societies are requested to meet at the K. of C. Hall at 8:30 o'clock Friday evening and go to the Wertzberger home to recite the rosary.

The body will be moved from the Gillig and Doan Funeral Home at 6 o'clock this evening where friends may call until time of the funeral services Saturday afternoon.

Monday, May 25, 1942

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. John L. DeVoss of Decatur are the parents of a son who arrived Friday morning at the Adams County Hospital.

Monday, June 29, 1942

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Word has been received here of the birth of a baby boy, David Harold to Peter and Adeline Lehman Unruh at Quarryville, Pennsylvania on June 26th. The child is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Lehman of this place.

Wednesday, February 4, 1942

Annabelle Von Gunten Bride of Lieut. J. T. Wright

Former Berne Girl Wed at San Antonio, Texas, Saturday

Before an altar decorated with white gladiolas and a pulpit banked with ferns, Miss Annabelle Von Gunten, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Rufus Von Gunten of Berne became the bride of Lieutenant James T. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wright of Springfield, Missouri, in the chapel of Randolph Field at San Antonio, Texas on Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

The Rev. Herbert Ardon Rinard, United States Army Chaplain performed the ceremony with an impressive single ring service.

Mrs. Wright is a graduate of Berne High School and attended Bluffton College in Ohio for two years. She has been employed in the office of Wolf & Dessauer in Fort Wayne for several years. Last summer she completed a course in civil aeronautics in Fort Wayne and has the distinction of being the first Berne girl to receive a pilot's license from the Civil Aeronautics Commission. The romance had its beginning in the classes where both were being trained.

Mr. Wright is a graduate of Missouri State College and is now serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps at San Antonio, Texas, where they will reside in Apartment No. 2 at 223 Braham Boulevard.

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