

Wednesday, March 31, 1943

Death Claims Mrs. E. Hirschy, 77, Tuesday A.M.

Funeral to be held Thursday afternoon for Elderly Berne Lady

Mrs. Catherine Hirschy, 77, widow of Elias Hirschy, passed away at her home on West Water Street here on Tuesday morning at 1:45 o'clock following a short illness with the flu and complications. A heart ailment with which she had been afflicted, probably contributed as much toward her death as did the flu. Mrs. Hirschy had been confined to her home almost entirely since a misfortune to her on Christmas Day in 1940, when she fell and fractured a hip. She had recovered from that injury to the extent that she was able to get about in her home with the aid of a cane.

The deceased was a daughter of Christian and Anna Sprunger Lehman, and was born on a farm in Monroe Township near Berne, on May 30, 1865, bringing her age to 77 years, 10 months and 10 days. She was married to Elias Hirschy on April 27, 1902. They resided on a farm a mile south of the tile mill, where Mr. Hirschy died on June 30, 1926. Several years later Mrs. Hirschy and her daughter, Miss Ida moved to town.

Surviving are the daughter, Ida, at home and the following stepchildren: Matilda, wife of Emil Sprunger of this place, Rev. Norman Hirschy of Evans City, Pennsylvania and Meta, wife of Rev. L. B. Sharp of Spencerville, Indiana; also 28 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Selma, wife of Owen Amstutz preceded her last November. Mrs. Hirschy was the last surviving member of her parent's family.

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Hirschy Funeral Thursday Afternoon

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Missionary Church in Berne for Mrs. Katherine Hirschy, 77, widow of Elias Hirschy, who died at her home in that town yesterday.

She was a lifelong resident of Adams County.

Surviving are a daughter, Miss Ida Hirschy, at home; three stepchildren, Mrs. Emil Sprunger of Berne, Rev. Norman Hirschy of Evans City, Pa., and Mrs. L. B. Sharp of Spencerville.

She was a member of the First Missionary Church. Burial will be in the MRE Cemetery.

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BIRTHS

William and May Girod Schwartz are the parents of a baby girl born on Monday, March 29, at their home.

A daughter, named Janis Rochelle, was born to Orson and Miriam Liechty Sprunger of Bluffton, at the Wells County Hospital on Tuesday. The baby weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Jerry Liechty of north of Berne.

Announcements were received of the birth of a baby boy, Paul to George and Celeste Schneider Dehnert, Lodi, Wis. on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. Mrs. Dehnert lived in Berne with her parents, rev. and Mrs. F. R. Schneider for many years.

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Wednesday, April 28, 1943

Thomas Wesley Bess Dies This Morning  
Funeral Services Friday Afternoon

Thomas Wesley Bess, 63, retired farmer, died suddenly at 4:30 o'clock this morning at his home south of Decatur. Although he had been in poor health for some time, death was not expected.

He was born in Tipton County May 6, 1873, the son of Wesley and Nancy Bess, and had lived near Decatur for the past 40 years.

Surviving are the widow, Dora; two daughters, Mrs. Floyd Smitley and Mrs. Frank E. Landin, both of Decatur; two sons, Guy Bess of Chicago and Cecil C. Bess, stationed with the US Army in California; one sister, Mrs. Laura Erby of Kokomo; one brother, Harry Bess of Tipton, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Three children died in infancy.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 pm Friday at the residence and at 2 o'clock at St. Paul Church, Rev. Lawrence Dellinger officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery. The body will be returned from the Gillig & Doan Funeral Home this evening and may be viewed after 7 pm.

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