

William Ezra Grile, 93, a resident of Westminster Village, Muncie, and a long-time Jay County farmer, died early today at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

A former Ja County Councilman, Grile was retired from farming and was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Portland Optimist Club, Jay Lodge 87 F&AM and was a former REMC Board Member.

Grile served as a fireman on a merchant ship in which went from Norfolk, Va., to Bordeaux, France, in 1920-21. He then bought a farm in Noble Township in 1927 and moved to the farm in 1934. In 1968, he sold that farm and bought one in Wayne Township. He retired from farming in 1973 and moved to Westminster Village in 1985.

He was also employed at Sheller-Globe from 1942 to 1946.

Born Dec. 7, 1898, in a log cabin in Noble Township, Grile was the son of Adam and Rachel Jane (Easterday) Grile. He was married April 17, 1926, to Dona Alice Sanders who died in January 1940. He then married Edna A. Seiss on August 17, 1944, and she died December 12, 1985. On July 2, 1988, he married Bernice Burton and she died September 1, 1990.

Surviving are one son, Harold Grile, Muncie; two daughters, Mrs. Henry (Eva) Wyrick, Portland, and Mrs. Fred (Frances) Pizarek, Kokomo; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services are set for 11 am Saturday in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Rev. Kris McPherson officiating. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church or to the American Cancer Society.

A Masonic memorial service will be held at 8 pm Friday at the funeral home.

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