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MRS. HATTIE JACK, WIFE OF INVALID, DIED THURSDAY

Lay Dead Beside Husband's Bed 2 Hours Before Calls Are Answered

Mrs. Hattie C. (Schrank) Jack, 65, wife of Albert Jack, died suddenly Thursday afternoon at about 4 o'clock at the home five and one half miles east and one and one half miles north of Berne in Blue Creek township. Death was caused by a heart attack and a complication caused by dropsy. She had been ailing for the past six weeks.

Unusual circumstances at the home as well as with her death arouse the sympathy and pity of the entire community.

Mr. Jack, her husband, is an invalid, totally helpless because of arthritis and is almost totally blind. The couple have been living alone for quite a number of years and Mrs. Jack has been caring for her helpless husband, who can not so much as move a hand or foot or turn his head. It was while she was trying to administer a bit of comfort to him yesterday afternoon when her death occurred.

She was trying to turn him a bit when she said she was becoming dizzy. Albert noticed her sink down between his bed and the wall and felt her hands slip off his body. He called to her but she did not answer. He called repeatedly but she never answered.

It happened that the transoms above two doors in the home were open and as he continued to call for help he finally attracted the attention of the tenants of the Mrs. Lewis farm across the road who were in their cornfield. It was not uncommon to them to hear his voice, so at first they did not pay much attention, but when at nightfall the lights in the Jack house did not go on, they went over to see if something more than usual was wrong. As they came nearer, they could hear him say, "Someone come, Hattie (cut off)

(Karin King note: buried Mona View Cemetery, Muskegon County, Michigan)

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