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Mrs. Blanche Kern Dies This Morning - Long Illness Fatal to Local Resident

Mrs. Blanche Kern, 74, of 231 Rugg street, died at 1 o'clock this morning at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in ill health for several months and critical for the past three and one-half weeks.

She was born in Decatur Sept. 29, 1881, a daughter of William and Emma Wand-McBarnes, and was married to George Kern, Jan. 6, 1900. Her husband preceded her in death Oct. 7, 1945.

Mrs. Kern, a member of the Bethany Evangelical United Brethren church, was employed as a clerk and seamstress at the Economy Store.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Thelma Swygart of Decatur; a son, Richard Kern of Pleasant Ridge, Mich.; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Ollie Butler of Decatur. One brother and one sister are deceased.

The body was removed to the Black funeral home, where friends may call after 1 p.m. Friday. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.