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Orville D. Kessler, 85, of Milford, Ohio, a native of Monroe, died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in a Milford-area hospital after an extended illness.

A retired educator, Mr. Kessler resided in the Cincinnati area the past 12 years. A graduate of Monroe High School, he received his bachelor's degree from Muncie Normal (now Ball State University) and his master's from Chicago University.

He began teaching in Adams County in 1916, and later became principal of Hamilton High School in Steuben County, county superintendent of schools in Edgerton, Ohio, and then a professor at Tri-State College in Angola. Mr. Kessler also taught at Angola High School and was principal of Petroleum High School, and later became company commander and education advisor of Indiana Civil Conservation Corps.

He was a member of the Ohio Teachers Association, a lifetime member of the Hamilton County (Ohio) Teachers Association, and also held memberships in both the Ohio and national retired teachers' association.

The son of James E. and Rena Johnson-Kessler, he was born December 21, 1896, in Monroe, and was married on February 2, 1970 (sic), to Electa (Oliver) Kessler, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Paul (Evelyn) Dugan of Muncie, and Mrs. Leslie (Phyllis) Smith of Los Angeles; a brother, Chester Kessler, Shelbyville, Missouri; 7 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. A brother, Harry, is deceased/

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Winteregg-Linn & Haggard Funeral Home, Rev. William K. Rapp in charge, and burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday. Preferred memorials are to the Heart Association.