

Root Township Resident Dies

Mrs. William Zimmerman Succumbs To Illness of Uraemic Poisoning

Mrs. Bessie A. Zimmerman, 66, wife of William Zimmerman of Root township, died at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Zimmerman home in the northern part of Adams county, following an illness of a week's duration. Death was said to have been due to uraemic poisoning. Mrs. Zimmerman became ill last Sunday and never regained consciousness.

Bessie Young Zimmerman was born December 25, 1861, in Allen county. She was the daughter of Steven Young and Margaret Aker Young.

Five years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman moved to Adams county where they have since resided. Surviving, besides the husband, are two daughters, Dorothy M. Johnson of St. Louis, Mo., and Bessie L. Blow, of Detroit, Michigan. One son [Walpole/Paul Henry Liger] preceded the other in death several years ago. A brother, Tillman Young, of Fort Wayne, also survives.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home in Root township. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery. The Rev. R. W. Loose, of the Evangelical church of this city, will have charge of the services.

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WAYNE ZERKEL, CENTRAL SOYA ENGINEER, DIES

Wayne F. Zerkel, 59, of 5839 Radcliffe Drive, died at 11:54 p.m. yesterday in Lutheran Hospital. He had been ill since December. Mr. Zerkel was production engineer for Central Soya Co.

Associated with Central Soya for 36 years, he joined the company in 1934 in Decatur. He later transferred to Gibson City, Ill., and then to Marion, Ohio, as plant manager. After serving as plant manager in Memphis, Tenn., he returned to Fort Wayne in 1954 as production engineer. He was a native of Decatur.

He is survived by his father, Rupert (sic) E. Decatur; a son, Jack; two sisters, Mrs. Sylvester (Justine) Everhart, and Miss Margaret Zerkel, Decatur; one brother, Hubert E. Zerkel Jr., Decatur, principal of Belmont High School, Decatur, and two grandchildren. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Zwick Funeral Home, Decatur, the Rev. Jim M. Fritz officiating. Burial will be in Decatur cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. today.

Mr. Zerkel was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne; Decatur Lodge 571, F&AM; AI Chymia Temple of Memphis; and Club Olympia, Fort Wayne.

Pallbearers will be George Albright, Robert Syster, Robert Culler, L. E. Meyer, Ralph Kenyon, Ollie Morgan, and Ellis Ables. Preferred memorials are to the church or the Allen County Cancer Fund.