

Bidlingmaier, 74, Taken by Death

William M. Bidlingmaier, 74, Route 4, Monroe, died at 4 p.m. Monday (Sept. 18, 1967) of an apparent attack at his Washington Township farm where he was born and had spent his entire lifetime. He had had a heart condition for 11 years.

Mr. Bidlingmaier was born April 23, 1893, a son of Michael and Mary Isely Bidlingmaier. He attended the neighboring Purcell school. On March 29, 1917 he was married, in Monticello, to Lena Thoman by the late Rev. Albert Muehlmeier.

Mr. Bidlingmaier was a member of the Washington Reformation United Church of Christ, had served on the Buckskin school board, and was president of the Bidlingmaier Cheese Co. for a number of years. The couple had observed their golden wedding anniversary in March.

Surviving are his widow, Lena; eight children; two sons, Sylvan, Route 2, Monticello, and Nathan, at home; six daughters, Mrs. Fred (Lorene) Durtschi, Mrs. Delbert (Evelyn) Moritz, and Mrs. Gene (Shirley) Anderson, all of Monticello; Mrs. Dallas (Dorothy) Wild, Route 4, Monroe; Mrs. Herbert (Marian) Baumgartner, Monroe, and Mrs. Daryl (Jean) Kleckner, Madison; a brother, Ed, Route 1, Argyle, a member of the Green County Board of Supervisors; three sisters, Mrs. Anna Elmer, Mrs. Bertha Loveland, and Mrs. William Klassy, all of Monticello; 20 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

A son, Meryln, died in infancy. Mr. Bidlingmaier was also preceded in death by two brothers, George, rural Monroe, and Albert of Monroe, and two sisters, Mrs. George Bleiler, Monroe, and one in childhood.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday (Sept. 21) in the Washington Reformation Church. Rev. Lee L. Duerson is to officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call at the Stuessy Funeral Home of Monroe from Wednesday noon until 11 a.m. Thursday and then at the church until time of service.