

George Bleiler Stricken at 79

George W. Bleiler, 79, who spent his entire life on the Adams Township farm where he was born, died at 3:50 p.m. yesterday in St. Clare hospital. He was admitted Feb. 1, 1964, and had been in ailing health the past several years. The farm home is on Route 1, Argyle.

Mr. Bleiler was born March 11, 1884, the son of Christian and Elizabeth Knipschild Bleiler. For many years he had served as treasurer of Dry Goods Box school, district of Adams.

He was married Sept. 4, 1905 to Verena Lydia (Fannie) Bidlingmaier at her family home in Washington Township.

Mr. Bleiler attended St. John's United Church of Christ.

Surviving are a son, Almond, on the home farm; a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Arlene) Shigley, Rockford, and a sister, Miss Emma Bleiler, Monroe.

He was preceded in death by his wife March 7, 1950; his father, April 12, 1938, and his mother, April 10, 1940; two brothers, Rev. John G. Bleiler, Westfield, and Frank Bleiler, Adams Township.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Stuessy funeral home. Rev. Ronald Miller of Bethel United Church of Christ, Rockford, officiated.

Pallbearers were: Carl Bidlingmaier, Monroe; Alvin Bidlingmaier, Winslow; Lawrence Bidlingmaier, Argyle; Marlen Bidlingmaier, Argyle; Sylvan Bidlingmaier and Leon Klassy, Monticello. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Clarence Seaton provided organ selections.