

H. L. Momberger Death Followed Short Illness

Death on Tuesday night claimed the life of Harry L. Momberger, 64, lifelong resident of the Wellsville community. Mr. Momberger succumbed at the Audrain Hospital where he had been a patient for only five days. Death was attributed to a heart attack. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday (this) afternoon at two o'clock at the Wellsville Methodist Church conducted by the pastor, Rev. Howard Hardeman. Burial will be in the Wellsville Cemetery. The body is at the Wells Funeral Home.

While Mr. Momberger had not been quite up to par in recent weeks, his condition was not considered to be of a serious nature. On Friday of the past week he suffered an attack when he returned to his home after gathering nuts in the woods near his farm home north of Wellsville. He was taken shortly thereafter to the Audrain Hospital in Mexico for tests and treatment. He was believed to be making satisfactory recovery and was planning to return to his home, until he suffered a severe attack on Tuesday.

Harry Lee Momberger was born near Wellsville in Montgomery County on April 22, 1895, a son of the late Carl C. and Christian Jacob Momberger. He spent his childhood and adult life on the farm where he was born. He attended the Wellsville high school. On October 30, 1917, he was married to Miss Nellie May of Wellsville.

They became the parents of four children: a son, Harry Lee, Jr., who lost his life in an automobile accident in 1941; and three daughters, all of whom survive with their mother. The daughters are: Mrs. George (Jean) Hopper of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Mrs. D. L. (Marion) Stevenson of Hazelwood, Mo.; and Mrs. Robert (Betty) Hoer of St. Albans, W. Va. There are twelve grandchildren: Christine, Della and Georgia Hopper; Lee, Ray, Bruce and Kevin Stevenson; Susan, Janice, Beth Ann, Michael and Mary Jane Hoer.

Mr. Momberger is survived by a brother, Joseph J. Momberger and a sister, Mrs. H. B. (Elsie) Rigby, both of Rexberg, Ida.

Harry Momberger was strictly Wellsville and community. He knew and called almost everybody by their first names. He was possessed by a friendly disposition and endowed with a sense of humor and wit that endeared him to many friends. He was an especial favorite among the friends of his children who loved to go to the Momberger home. The Momberger farm was for many years a favorite gathering place for youth including school and church groups.

Mr. Momberger served in World War I. He was a member of the Wellsville Methodist Church and Count-in-Me class of the Sunday School of that church.

Momberger Funeral

Despite a downpour of rain, the Methodist Church was filled on Friday afternoon for funeral services for Harry L. Momberger, life long resident of the community. Rev. Howard Hardeman, pastor, was in charge. Special music was played at the organ by church organist, Mrs. A. E. Updyke. "Abide With Me" and "Now the Day Is Over" were effective organ numbers. The floral tribute to Mr. Momberger and his family was large. The following served as pallbearers: Otis Lemasters, Roy Belts, Charles Kleinsorge, J. M. Long, Harold Hayes and Raymond Lowry. Burial was in the Wells-ville Cemetery.

Among those who came from a distance to attend services and to be with the family were: Mrs. George Hopper of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Stevenson and sons, Lee, Ray, Bruce and Kevin of Hazelwood, Mrs. Robert Hoer and children, Michael and Jane of St. Albans, W. Va., J. J. Momberger and Mrs. H. B. Rigby of Rexburg, Ida., Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rapp of Webster Groves, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chapin of St. Louis, Mrs. J. H. Reed and Mrs. M. S. Domjanovich of Ada, Okla., Jack Reed of Detroit, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parsons and daughter, Martha of Wichita, Kan., Mrs. H. L. Baker of Callao, Mo., and Mrs. H. D. May and son, Jerl, of Glenview, Ill., all members of the immediate family, and the following: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Craig of Webster Groves, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lemasters and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lemasters and Randy, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stansbery and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hickerson of Vandalia; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Powell of Montgomery City, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kniepfel of Laddonia, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Allen and Mrs. Irby Morris of Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Meyer of Hazelwood; Miss Sue Howard of St. Louis, Walter Lowry of Auxvasse, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCluggage of Laddonia, and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Belts of Vandalia, in addition to a large number of people from Martinsburg and Middletown.