

Death Claims Elderly Egypt Farm Resident

B. J. Schmiesing Succumbs
Late Saturday After
Year's Illness

SERVICES ON THURSDAY

End Comes In Home Where
Decedent Was Born 85
Years Before

Bernard J. Schmiesing, prominent and respected resident of west of Minster, died at 10:30 p. m. last Saturday in the farm home in which he first saw the light of day 85 years before.

Although his health had failed rapidly for the last year, his illness did not reach serious proportions until a week before the end came. He was bedfast for five days. Death was attributed to complications.

Mr. Schmiesing was for many years a widely-known and successful farmer, and his long career was spent in its entirety in the Egypt community. He became one of the most extensive landowners in his home locality.

A son of the late Bernard and Anna (Poepelman) Schmiesing, he was born Dec. 24, 1852. He attended the early-day schools of the Egypt vicinity and upon reaching maturity immediately took up farming as his occupation.

He was married the first time on Feb. 3, 1879 to Elizabeth Liesner, who died seven months later on Aug. 31 of that year. His second marriage, to Agnes Heckman, took place on Jan. 2, 1881. She preceded him in death also, on Jan. 3, 1891.

His third wife, Barbara Schwartz whom he married on Feb. 25, 1892, remained with him as his helpmate for many years. At last she also was called to her reward, on May 9, 1936. After her passing he went to live with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmiesing, three miles west of Minster.

Four children were born to his union with his second wife, three of whom are living. They are Louis and Henry Schmiesing and Katherine Meyer, all of the Egypt locality. A son, Clemens, is dead. Thirty-one grandchildren and four great-grandchildren are left.

Mr. Schmiesing was a lifelong member of the Catholic church, and was enrolled for many years in the St. Joseph Married Men's society of his home parish. His was the first birth listed in records of the Egypt church.

Funeral services were conducted at 9:30 a. m. Thursday in St. Joseph's church, with Rev. Fr. L. A. Lins, the pastor, officiating. Interment was made in the parish cemetery.

Palbearers, all grandsons, were Herbert Schmiesing, Clarence Meyer, Wilbur Schmiesing, Walter Schmiesing, Lawrence Schmiesing, Norbert Meyer, Ralph Osterloh and Melvin Schmiesing.

Four grandsons served as acolytes during the funeral requiem mass service. They are Gregory Schmiesing, Thomas Schmiesing, Wilfred Meyer and Eugene Schmiesing.