

Rev. William R. Fields

Occupant Name: Rev. William R. Fields

Location: Section Z, Lot 17

Date of Birth: 1/28/1897

Date of Death: 1959

Date of Burial: 1959

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Mrs. William Fields

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Rev. W. R. Fields, Former Local Pastor, Succumbs

Funeral rites were held Monday afternoon from the Brownstown Church of the Nazarene for a former pastor, the Rev. William R. Fields, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene at Montezuma.

The Rev. Mr. Fields died Christmas morning in a hospital at Clinton where he had been in a semi-conscious condition since his admittance on Thursday, December 17, following a stroke of paralysis. In the past months he had suffered several heart attacks.

The Rev. Mr. Fields, who was 63 years of age, was born on January 28, 1896, at Greenfield, the son of the late William and Minnie Fields. His father died before he was born. He grew up in Greenfield and, as a young man, enrolled in Olivet Nazarene Bible College, then at Olivet, Illinois.

He entered the Nazarene ministry twenty-eight years ago, with his first charge at Worthington. During the years he served Nazarene congregations at Oakland City, St. Bernice, Beech Grove, Oden, coming to Brownstown in the Fall of 1948 to minister to the Brownstown church.

He left here in 1954 to accept a call to become pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at Winslow, where he remained for two years, going from there to Evansville, and was beginning his second year's pastorate at Montezuma.

The Rev. Mr. Fields was devoted to his calling and during his five-year ministry here the Brownstown Church grew in membership and strength.

A man of kindly manner, sincere and friendly, he made many friends both in Brownstown and throughout the entire county as he went about his task of ministering wherever he was needed.

He was married in Greenfield, on August 13, 1932, to Alice Edna McCall, of Missouri, who was a college classmate at Olivet.

Mrs. Fields survives as do two daughters, Mrs. Jack (Wilma Ruth) Callahan, of Brownstown, and Mrs. Robert (Rosemary) Charles, of Columbus.

Also surviving are four grandchildren, one of whom, little two-weeks-old Diana Jean Callahan, the Rev. Mr. Fields never saw, and two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Moore and Mrs. Claude Cook, both living in Greenfield.

A sister and brother are deceased.

Mrs. Fields, who is a semi-invalid, as the result of several strokes, will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Callahan.

Short funeral rites were held Sunday from a funeral home in Montezuma and the Rev. Harry Carter, of Indianapolis, conducted the services from the Brownstown Church of the Nazarene Monday afternoon. The Rev. Don Ratliff, pastor, had a prayer.

Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.