

# Bertha Heller

Occupant Name: Bertha Heller

Location: **Section O, Lot 8**

Date of Birth: 10/12/1882

Date of Death: 1965

Date of Burial: 1965

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: John W. Heller

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



## Miss Bertha Heller Dies Following Lingerin Illness

Funeral Rites Held Today For Well-Known Local Resident —Retired Elementary Teacher.

Funeral rites were held this afternoon from the Winklepleck Funeral Home for Miss Bertha Heller, well-known, life-long Brownstown resident, retired school teacher and active church worker.

Miss Heller, who would have been eighty-three years old Tuesday of next week, was born on October 12, 1882, near Brownstown, a daughter of the late John W. and Phebe Doerr Heller, and was the last of a family of nine children. Six brothers and two sisters are deceased.

She was graduated from Brownstown High School in 1902, attended Danville Normal and Indiana Teachers College, Indianapolis, and for thirty years was an elementary school teacher, with classes in the county schools, in Brownstown Grade School and also taught several years at Hope.

When she was sixteen years of age she affiliated with the Brownstown Methodist Church, on August 7, 1898, and, during the intervening years until her health failed, had been identified in all major church projects. She was a charter member of the Women's Society of Christian Service was active in the Church Bible School and other women's groups over the more than half century.

She was initiated into Brownstown Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, on June 21, 1923, and maintained an active interest in this organization for many years. She also was a long-time member of The Study Club, Brownstown literary organization, and, at the time of her death, maintained her connection with the club as an associate member.

She also was a member of the Retired Teachers' Association on both the county and state level.

Her nearest surviving relatives are nieces and nephews.

In Brownstown are James P. Heller, Mrs. Vivian Winks, John T. Heller and Mrs. Bernice Kenney.

Other nieces are Miss Gladys Heller, of Spartansburg, South Carolina; Miss Dorothy Heller, Terre Haute, and Miss Lena Heller, of Beech Grove, and other nephews are Fred Heller, Durham, New Hampshire, and George Heller, of Columbus.