

Bernard E. Allen Dies Saturday In Battle Creek

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Bernard E. Allen, 60, of Vermontville, former agricultural instructor in Nashville-Kellogg High school, died Saturday noon in a Battle Creek hospital where he had been a patient for a week.

Bernard E. Allen was born August 18, 1890, in Grand Ledge, Michigan, son of Clarence W. and Betsy Patterson Allen. He attended the Grand Ledge public school, graduating in the class of 1909. Later he attended Michigan State Normal college, Ypsilanti, and Michigan State college, East Lansing, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree and completed work for his Masters' degree.

August 29, 1914, Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Mildred Shane of Grand Ledge. To this union was born one daughter, Sister Bernard Mary, R. S. M.

Funeral services were conducted from the Ward funeral home in Vermontville Monday afternoon, with the Rev. D. D. Nagle, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery, Vermontville, with Masonic rites.

Mr. Allen was a member of the Nashville teaching staff from the fall of 1946 until last June, when he retired, after 35 years as a teacher. He signed his first teaching and athletic coaching contract at Marlette. Later he was superintendent of schools at Memphis two years, at Brighton four years and at Williamston one year. He then took a position with the state department of public instruction, going to Benzonia, where he reorganized the 12-grade school into one of the first rural agricultural schools in the state. He remained there four years, after which he taught four years at Mendon, where he organized an agricultural department. After an interval of two years during which he was a cost engineer for the Detroit Trust company, he returned to Mendon for another six years. He headed the consolidation procedure which combined rural districts with the Mendon school.

In 1937 Mr. Allen was hired as agricultural teacher at Vermontville High school and from 1940 until 1946 he served as superintendent. During the four years he headed Nashville's agricultural department he also taught science subjects. He had his B. S. degree from Michigan State college, where he also had done graduate work.

Mr. Allen was a member of Vermontville Lodge No. 232, F. & A. M., which he twice had served as Worshipful Master. He was a member of the Royal Arch Masons at Grand

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Ledge, belonged to the Hastings Consistory, Knights Templar, and DeWitt Clinton Consistory, Grand Dapids. He was a member and a past patron of the Order of Eastern Star at Vermontville. He was a member of the Vermontville Lions club and a former member of the Nashville Lions club.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred; a daughter, Sister Bernard Mary, R. S. M., who is a teacher in St. Andrews High school in Saginaw, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas Lawrence of Grand Ledge.

John Wright Death Victim

Funeral services for John W. Wright, 52, Plant No. 2 employe, were held November 2 from the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home with the Rev. Hugh Woodside, pastor of the Amy Walker Memorial Church, officiating. Burial was in Deepdale Cemetery.



Mr. Wright

Mr. Wright who had been employed here since 1920 died at a local hospital October 31. He was born in Phillips, Wis., and had lived in Lausang for the past 30 years.

When Mr. Wright first came to Motor Wheel he was employed in the Plant No. 2 Press Room for seven years and then was transferred to a welding job, the post he held at the time of his death.

He is survived by the wife, Burdella Arlene; two daughters, Mrs. Norman Richards and Beverly Ann Wright; two sons, Wesley and Robert; and a granddaughter, Lynn Marie Richards, all of Lausang, and one brother, Claude of Charlotte.

Pallbearers, all Motor Wheel employes, were Arthur Van-Epps, Floyd Waters, Carl Rhodes, Norman Price, Emmett Pratt and Joseph Finch.