

Adams County Historical Muserum, 1936 Scrapbook

OBITUARY

In Memory of Eldon Habegger

Eldon Huser Habegger, son of David D. and Fannie Huser Habegger, was born Sept. 13, 1910, in Blue Creek township, Adams county, Indiana, at the present farm of his parents.

He met an accidental death while at work in Decatur, Indiana, on election day, November 3, 1936, at the age of 26 years, one month and 20 days.

He was educated in the Blue Creek township grade schools and the Pleasant Mills High School.

Eldon was converted, baptized and united with the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church in March 1927, during the pastorage of Rev. F. A. Shipley. The entire family, with the exception of Juanita, who was a child, came into the church at that same time.

On January first, 1935, Eldon married Delores Book. One son, James David, was born to this union. The most of Eldon's life was lived in Blue Creek township.

He is survived by his wife and infant son; his father and mother; one brother, Vilas, of Monroe, Ind.; three sisters, Mrs. Francis Ellsworth of Decatur; Dorothy and Juanita at home; one sister, Velma, died in infancy; and also survived by his grandmothers, Mrs. Maria Habegger and Mrs. Lydia Huser, both of Berne.

Besides these, there are many surviving relatives. Eldon had a cheerful and friendly disposition which won many friends who will greatly miss him. He had bright prospects for a successful life but it was suddenly brought to a close.

I cannot say, and I will not say

That he is dead, He is just away!

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand

He has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair,

It needs must be since he lingers there;

And you, oh, you, who the wildest yearn

For the old time step and the glad return.

Think of his faring on as dear

In the love of There, as the love of Here;

Think of him still as the same, I say

He is not dead, he is just away.

James Whitcomb Riley

(Handwritten: Monday, Nov. 9, 1936)

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the many deeds of kindness and devoted services rendered us in our deep sorrow, the death of our beloved husband, father, son and brother and for the beautiful floral offerings, for the comforting words given by the officiating pastors and the beautiful messages in song.

Mrs. Deloris Habegger

Mr. and Mrs. David D. Habegger and children

Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Habegger

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ellsworth

Transcribed by Karin King

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(Special to The Journal-Gazette)

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