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OBITUARY

Mrs. Margaret Shilling, daughter of George and Mary Troutner, was born December 5, 1848 near Willshire, Ohio. On the morning of April 14, 1928, she took her departure to be with her Lord whom she had loved and served. The years of her pilgrimage exceeded the promised "three score and ten" she having attained the advanced age of 79 years, 4 months and 9 days.

While in youth, she heard the voice of God calling for the service of her life, and at 18 years of age responded to the call, was happily converted, joined the M. E. Church at Willshire and remained faithful to her Savior and God to the end.

November 22, 1880 she was united in holy wedlock to Joseph Shilling, in who she found a true, faithful and constant companion for over 47 years. Beginning their married life near Rockford, Ohio, later they lived near Willshire. After some years they moved to Adams County, Indiana, living in the vicinity of Decatur. A number of years were spent near the St. Paul's Christian Union Church, where they became members and among the people of which church they formed many precious friendships and had many blessed experiences.

In 1913, Mr. Shilling purchased a farm east of Decatur, on the state line, where Mrs. Shilling, with her companion began attending the Calvary Evangelical Church nearby, and shortly thereafter joined the church, remaining a faithful member until translated to the Church Triumphant.

Their home was blessed with two children, one son, Lewis Shilling, on the home farm; and one daughter, Mary G. Zerkel, living near Decatur.

Mother Shilling was a woman of so-called "old school"-. She was hardy, frank, fearless, courageous, rightfully ambitious, honest, kind and always ready to help. She had staunch convictions and always the courage of her convictions. She had splendid intellectual gifts.

She was a true wife and mother, and faithfully in her own home. She was a kind neighbor and always ready to share with her neighbors and friends and God's servants, life's temporal blessings. Her home was always the welcomed retreat of the weary or needy servant of God; and he knew it mattered not whether his sojourn were only for a meal or a week there would be the same hearty welcome.

Mrs. Shilling was a positive, staunch Christian. She had rare gifts in prayer conversation, exhortation, and she was a great student of the word, and understood its spiritual message. The family altar was maintained in the home to the end.

It was Mother Shilling's desire that since she was not so well of recent months, she might go home before her beloved Companion, and that she might not continue with a long lingering sickness. How wonderfully God granted her desire! Together they were permitted to live alone up to a week ago when she was stricken with a fatal illness.

Though her sudden departure is naturally trying to the loved ones, and especially to the faithful companion for over 47 years, still they realize God's goodness in granting

her desire and they bow in grateful submission. At most, it will not be long until there will be the reunion in Heaven.

Besides the sorrowing husband, and the son and daughter, there survive two brothers, John Troutner, of Los Angeles, California; and Amos Troutner, of near Decatur; 5 grandchildren and an unusually large group of friends and old neighbors, who also mourn their loss. We thank God for this Christian woman's life. May he help us all to be faithful as was she, and may He grant us a final reunion in Heaven.

"Life! We've been so long together,
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather,
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear;
Then steal away, give little warning, choose thine own time;
Say not "good night" but in some brighter clime
Bid me "good morning."

Additionally there are verses for both the children and the companion. Funeral text 2
Timothy 4:7-8.