

OBITUARY

Lawrence Edgar Christman was born August 28, 1903, in Mathews, Indiana to Charles and Grace (Schwenmesen) Christman.

He was married to Esther Miller on May 17, 1932 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They moved to Hastings in 1935.

In May 1949, with the help of several other families, he started the Vermontville Gospel Center in the Opera House. He became its pastor in 1950 and served the church for eight years during which time the new Vermontville Bible Church was built on N. Main St.

He was ordained in 1953 and was a member of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America.

He suffered a fatal heart attack and went to the Lord on January 26, 1966.

He is survived by his wife Esther and two daughters, Mrs Cleo (Lillian) Brown of Vermontville and Mrs Joseph (Beatrice) Burger of Savannah, Georgia; two brothers, Lewis and Ted and a sister, Mrs George Boerema, all of Grand Rapids area.

**Nellie Frace, Employee  
Of R.-T. for 30 Years,  
Dies at Age of 69**

Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Pray Funeral Home for Mrs. Nellie A. Frace, 69, of 921 North Sheldon, for more than 30 years a linotype operator at the Republican-Tribune, with the Rev. Donald Warmouth officiating and burial in Maple Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Frace, who retired about six years ago, died at 2 a.m. Monday in Lansing General hospital, where she had been a patient three weeks. She had been in ill health for several months after suffering a series of strokes.

Born May 14, 1896 in Hastings, a daughter of Charles and Minnie (Sage) McCarty, Mrs. Frace had resided most of her life in Charlotte. She was the widow of Casper Frace, a Charlotte fire department captain, who died in 1957. She was an associate member of the Lawrence Avenue Methodist Church and had been active in its Woman's Association and other church projects.

Surviving are two nephews, Mac Wildern of Lansing and Mayo Wildern of Grand Rapids.

**Mrs. Verna Cheal**

SUNFIELD—Mrs. Verna Cheal died Thursday in a Charlotte hospital. The body is at the Mapes-Fisher Funeral Home.

**Mrs. Verna Cheal**

SUNFIELD — Services will be held Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Mapes-Fisher Funeral Home for Mrs. Verna Cheal, 80, who died Thursday in a Charlotte hospital. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. James Edwards of New Mexico and Mrs. Layton Sayer of Sunfield; two sons, Edward of Charlotte and Clifford of Vermontville; two sisters, Mrs. John Guy of Vermontville and Mrs. Harvey Runyon of Lake Odessa; a brother, Elmer Shaffer of Sunfield; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Burial will be in Sunfield Cemetery.

**Services Held Saturday  
for Mrs. Arthur Caton**

Funeral services for Mrs. Milred Caton of Washington St. were held Saturday, Feb. 5, from the Sunfield United Brethren Church. Mrs. Caton, 64, passed away February 3 in a Lansing hospital.

She was born July 28, 1901 in Leslie Township, Ingham County, Michigan, the daughter of Earl and Nora (Judson) Harkness. Mrs. Caton was a resident of Sunfield for thirty years. She was a member of the Sunfield United Brethren Church.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur, a daughter, Mrs. Arda Shaver of Lansing; five brothers, Clayton and June Harkness of Leslie, Eldred Harkness of Dansville, and Lynn and Earl Harkness of Cali-