

OBITUARY

Sketch of the Life of John Rospert of Reed Township.

The remains of John Rospert, who died at St. Mary's hospital in Detroit at 4:15 Tuesday morning, were brought to Bellevue on the 6:30 train on the Lake Shore Tuesday evening and immediately were taken to his late home in Reed township. His age was 62 years, 7 months and 10 days. He was conscious to the last and his wife, and three of his children and his pastor, Rev. Vogelmen, were with him when he passed away.

Death resulted from the effects of an operation for cancer of the stomach.

John Rospert was born in Berns, a Rhenish province of Germany, Oct. 21, 1841. He came to America with his father in 1850. In the spring of 1851 father and son came to Thompson township, Seneca county, locating upon a farm. Deceased was a student at St. Mary's Institution, Dayton, where he studied for two years. At the age of sixteen he commenced teaching, that occupation claiming his attention during the winter months and during the summer he worked on the farm. He continued as instructor in the parochial schools from 1863 to 1871 when he gave up teaching and gave his entire attention to farming and at the time of his death was the owner of one of the finest farms in Reed township. Besides his duties as teacher he served for years as organist in the Catholic church at Reedtown.

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Mrs. Rospert died Dec. 14, 1886. Mr. Rospert was united in marriage Sept 30, 1890, to Miss Anna Hamm, of Township township, Seneca county.

Six children were born to this union; Anthony T., Ruspert M., Anna C., Frederick G., and Rosa M., one child died in infancy. The mother of these children died Dec. 17, 1899.

A daughter, Orema M., died Jan. 5, 1902. Mr. Rospert was married Nov. 21, 1903 to Mrs. Mary Wollensach, of Detroit, who survives. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Jakob Huhn, Ionia, Mich. In politics Mr. Rospert was a staunch democrat and at the time of his death was serving as township treasurer, and was secretary and trustee of the parish of St. Mary's Assumption Catholic church. In 1901 Mr. Rospert made a tour of Europe.

The funeral will take place from the catholic church in Reedtown, Friday morning at nine o'clock, services being conducted by Rev. Vogelmen. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.