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Services Today For J. F. Durnell

J. F. Durnell

Funeral services for J. F. Durnell of Route 1, Elkhart, will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Baptist church in Elkhart with Rev. J. T. Riley and Rev. Billy Sanders officiating. Burial will follow in Antrim Cemetery.

Grandsons and nephews will be the pallbearers.

He died Monday afternoon in a Palestine nursing home after a long illness.

Born March 5, 1887, in the Antrim community, at age 87, he was the oldest living pioneer of that community. For a number of years he was a school teacher, but had spent most of his life as a farmer.

Survivors include four sons, J. P. of Baytown, Virgil of Houston, C.W. of Elkhart and Durwood Durnell of Bellefountaine, Ohio; one daughter, Mrs. E. P. Broughton of Elkhart; two sisters, Mrs. Lillie Waddell, Baytown and Mrs. Mary Wynne, Elkhart; 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

The body will be at Hassell and Foster in Palestine until carried to the church for services.

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