

Indiana Deaths

Msgr. Kreis Dies At Batesville

Batesville, Ind. (Spl.) — The Rt. Rev. William Kreis, 73 years old, former pastor of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Lawrenceburg, died in his home here yesterday.

Msgr. Kreis had lived in retirement in Batesville since April 14, 1949, when he was granted relief from his pastoral duties because of ill health.

The body was taken to the Fitch Brothers Funeral Home in Lawrenceburg where services were being arranged.

Born in Drolshagen, Westphalia, Germany, Msgr. Kreis attended the Gymnasium Petrinum at Brilon, Westphalia, before he came to the United States in 1899.

On March 11, 1933, Pope Pius XI elevated Msgr. Kreis to the dignity of a domestic prelate with the title of monsignor.

The only immediate survivor of Msgr. Kreis is a cousin, Miss Marie Neuhaus of Batesville.