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The funeral of Wm. Harvey Bender was held from his late home in McConnellsburg on Friday afternoon and conducted by Rev. William J. Lowe, assisted by Rev. J. B. Meloy and interment was made in the Cove Union cemetery. The service was attended by an unusually large gathering, a testimony to the large circle of friends enjoyed by the deceased and the beautiful floral tributes bore further evidence of this fact.

His death occurred on Monday, November 25th following a very brief illness of less than four days altho his health had not been of the best for some time. He was the son of Martin and Catharine Grissinger Bender and was born in McConnellsburg, December 11, 1873 and at the time of death aged 55 years, 11 months and 14 days.

As a young man he was employed on the farm and later learned the milling trade with Edward Stouteagle in what, is now the Nesbitt Mill, south of McConnellsburg. This work being detrimental to his health, he and his boyhood companion, William Hull, started in the merchandising business in the store room now occupied by the Pen-Mar Grocery. The firm of Hull & Bender was successful almost from the very start, the receipts of the sales amounting to \$5550.00 during the first year of business in 1897. During the 30 years, two young business men were associated together in conduct-

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ing The Racket Store, the best year brought them sales amounting to \$67,500.00. His former partner says of him, "Harvey was always ready and willing to take his end of the single tree". With the exception of five or six weeks during which he had Typhoid Fever, he did not lose a month in all the 30 years. Three years ago on account of his failing health, Hull & Bender sold the business to the present owners, Morton & Harris.

In April 1904 deceased was united in marriage with Margaret Foreman, who with a son, Clarence survive. One sister, Mrs. Myrtle Downs also survives. He was a member of The Reformed Church for more than twenty years and an officer of the congregation for almost ten years.

He was a good citizen and always interested in the welfare and progress of his community.