

Ethel Broge

June 17, 1914 - May 23, 1981

Mrs. Ervin (Ethel) Broge, 66, Monticello, died Saturday, May 23, in St. Clare Hospital where she had been admitted May 21. Death resulted from complications of an extended illness.

The former Ethel Geraldine Ruch was born June 17, 1914, in Monroe, to Carl and Rosa Held Ruch. She attended Monroe High School. On Feb. 9, 1936, she married Ervin Louis Broge in Freeport, Ill. She had been employed at Oaktron in Monroe two years and then was employed by Advance Transformer here until retiring in 1976.

Surviving are her husband, Ervin: five children, Wayne Broge and Yvonne Broge, both of Monroe; Mrs. Melvin (Gwen) Ehlert and Dean Broge, both of Monticello, and Cindy Wyssbrod of Oregon, Wis.; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Edward (Phyllis) Bullis, Melbourne, Fla.; three brothers, Charles and Roger Ruch, Monroe, and Byron Ruch, Rockford, Ill.; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, seven step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter in infancy, one grandson, and two sisters, Audrey Harms and Maxine Elmer.

Pallbearers were Robert Briggs, Robert Durtschi, Dick Lehr, Art Studer, Karl Freitag and Tracy Broge.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, the Rev. Charles Workman officiated. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.