

Marie A. Duerst
Feb. 22, 1893 - March 16, 1980

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 19, for Mrs. Marie A. Duerst, 87, a former Monticello resident, who died Sunday, March 16, in St. Clare Hospital, Monroe, following an extended illness. She had been a resident of the New Glarus Home for the past six years.

The former Marie A. Christen, was born Feb. 22, 1893, in Buren, Canton Unterwalden, Switzerland, the daughter of Kasper and Clara Neiderberger Christen. She attended school in Switzerland.

She came to the United States settling in Green County in 1908. On Dec. 30, 1909, she was married to Fred Zumkehr. The couple farmed until his death on Nov. 16, 1937.

On June 14, 1941, she married Henry Duerst. They resided in Monticello. He died April 10, 1970.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Ray (Wilma) Blum, Monticello, and Mrs. Eleanor Edseth, Monroe; two sons, Arnold Zumkehr, Monroe, and Raymond Zumkehr, Madison; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, 13 brothers and sisters, a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Schwarzenberger, Monroe, having died March 1 of this year; a son, Clarence, in infancy, and four grandchildren.

She was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, where funeral services were held. Rev. Charles G. Workman officiated and burial was in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.

Mrs. Duerst was also a member of the New Glarus G.U.G.G. Society and the Women of the Moose in Monroe.

Pallbearers were three grandsons, Dennis and Steven Truttman, Monticello, and Richard Zumkehr, Browntown, and three nephews, Fred E. Buholzer, Juda, John A. Christen and Arley F. Vogel, Monroe.

Voegeli Funeral service was in charge of arrangements.