

Robert H. Duerst

Jan. 15, 1898 – July 24, 1957

Robert H. Duerst, 59, Adams Farmer, Dies; Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services for Robert H. Duerst, Sr., 59 years of age, lifelong resident of Adams township, who passed away at 4 p. m. on Wednesday of last week at the St. Clare hospital, were held at 2 Saturday afternoon at the Zwingli United Church of Christ here.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Rudy Ammon, Sr. Argyle, Werner Blumer, Monroe, Clarence Itten, New Glarus, Melvin Blumer, Herman G. Karlen and Gilman Schmid.

Mr. Duerst, who had been in poor health for several years, had been hospitalized most of the time since early in June.

Born in Adams township Jan. 15, 1898, he was the son of Thomas and Eliza Steiner Duerst. He attended the Dividing Ridge rural school and on Dec. 21, 1925, he was united in marriage in Monroe to Florence Haessig. The couple always lived on the homestead farm following their marriage.

School Treasurer 33 Years

Mr. Duerst served as treasurer of the Dividing Ridge school for 33 years. He was a former treasurer of the White Oak cheese factory and served as a director of the company at the time of his death. Mr. Duerst had also served as a director of the Monticello Shipping association for many years.

Mr. Duerst was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ here.

Survivors are his wife; his mother; one son, Robert, Jr.; three daughters, Mrs. Robert Ryan, Brodhead, Mrs. Eugene Saunders, New Glarus, and Lucinda, at home; one brother, Sylvan, on the home farm; two sisters, Mrs. Edward Wittwer, Monroe, and Mrs. Frank Smith, Portland, Ore; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1931; two brothers, Thomas in 1942, and Ernest in 1903; one son in infancy in 1926; and twin daughters in infancy in 1942.