

## **Mary A. Karlen**

**Aug. 16, 1879 – June 16, 1961**

### **Mrs. Mary Karlen, 81, Esteemed Local Resident, Succumbs**

Confined since Dec. 10, 1956, when she fell at her home here and suffered a fractured hip, Mrs. Mary A. Karlen, 81 years of age, highly esteemed Monticello resident for many years, died at 6:25 a. m. Friday at the White Haven nursing home, Monroe.

Death resulted from a stroke, which she had suffered a week before. After she sustained the fractured hip, Mrs. Karlen was hospitalized for many months and she had been a patient at the nursing home since July 8, 1957.

### **Washington Township Native**

Mary Wittwer was born in Washington township on Aug. 16, 1879, the daughter of Albert and Katharine Zimmerman Wittwer. On Nov. 21, 1901, she was united in marriage to Fred C. Karlen in Monticello, the late Rev. Heyl officiating. They farmed on the Karlen homestead farm in Adams township, now operated by a grandson, Ralph Karlen. Upon retiring from farming in 1928 they moved to Monticello.

Mr. Karlen passed away Aug. 29, 1947.

Mrs. Karlen was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ here.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Henry Wechter, Cross Plains; one son, Herman G. Karlen, Monticello; two brothers, Edward D. Wittwer, Monroe, and Robert Wittwer, New Glarus; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Fred C., Jr., Dec. 14, 1956, two sisters, Mrs. Albert Itten and Mrs. David Hefty, and one brother, Albert Wittwer, all at New Glarus.

### **Funeral Services Monday**

Funeral services for Mrs. Karlen were held at 2 Monday afternoon at the Zwingli United Church of Christ here. The Rev. J. Allan Mittler, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery.

Pallbearers were Calvin Drafhal, Lawrence H. Karlen and Ralph Karlen, Monticello, Royal Karlen, Argyle, Rolland Karlen, Monroe, and Karl Wechter, Cross Plains.