

Bertha Messerli
April 16, 1879 - July 17, 1943

Bertha Messerli, 64, Well Known Here, Passes in Chicago
End Comes Saturday to Sister of Mrs. John Dick, Monticello

Funeral services for Miss Bertha Messerli, 64 years of age, well known to many residents of this community, who passed away at a Chicago hospital Saturday following a lingering illness, were conducted at 2 Tuesday afternoon in the Voegeli funeral home.

Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, pastor of the Monticello Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery.

Miss Messerli, a trained nurse, who spent many years following her chosen profession, had been in failing health for two years or more, and spent some time in Monticello convalescing at the inception of her illness, staying here with her sister, Mrs. John Dick, and family.

Native of Switzerland

Bertha Messerli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Messerli, was born April 16, 1879, at Wattenwil, Canton Bern, Switzerland. When a child of four years, she came to America with her parents, the family coming directly to Green county. Her father was a cheesemaker by trade and followed his chosen work at various points in southern Wisconsin. Miss Messerli attended rural schools and later enrolled in a nurse's training course at a hospital in Monroe. After graduating as a trained nurse she was a member of the nurse's staff at the Dr. Loofburro hospital in Monroe for several years. From Monroe she went to Chicago and continued her work until just a few months before her death.

While in Chicago Miss Messerli was a member of the Moody church.

Miss Messerli was highly respected by the doctors and nurses with whom she labored and was a true friend of those who were ill. She loved her chosen profession, not because it provided her with a monetary income, but because it offered her an opportunity to render Christian service to persons in distress and in need of nursing care,

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. John Dick, Monticello, and 13 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.