

Charlotte Retzell

Dec. 10, 1881 – March 1930

MRS. J. RETZELL, DIES SUDDENLY

Mother of Nine Children Dies From Heart Failure While Asleep

The remains of Mrs. Jake Retzell, aged 39, native of Mt. Pleasant township, who passed away suddenly at about 3 o'clock Saturday morning in her home near Shell Lake, were interred yesterday afternoon in Highland cemetery here where brief rites were conducted by Rev. G. Theo. Vieth, pastor of the Evangelical church.

Charlotte Prisk, daughter of W. H. Prisk, Monroe, was born Dec. 10, 1881, at the old Prisk homestead, just east of Monticello. Her mother passed away on April 22, 1904, when she was 13 years old. She remained at home until her marriage to Jake Retzell which took place at Freeport Oct. 30, 1912.

The couple made their home in and around Monticello for seven years and in Feb. 1919, they moved to River Falls in which vicinity they lived until two weeks ago when they moved to Shell Lake where Mrs. Retzell passed away. She had apparently been in good health, and her death, while asleep, came as a sudden shock to her family and other relatives and friends. Heart failure was the cause of her death.

She leaves to mourn her loss the husband, nine children, Elizabeth, William, Evelyn, Edyth, Wendell, Elvina, Welliver, Evereli and Erva, the youngest being only three months old; her aged father, William H. Prisk, Monroe; six brothers, Ora, Monticello; Verne, Chicago; Mark and Preston, Belleville; Wm., Jr. and Jackson, River Falls; and two sisters, Mrs. Otto Stauffacher River Falls; and Mrs. John Voegeli, Belleville.

Funeral services were held in the home at Shell Lake at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning with Rev. Graham officiating. From there the remains were brought here to the home of her brother, Ora Prisk, where they were viewed by relatives and friends.