

Emma Ritschard

April 5, 1908 – February 8, 1963

Mrs. Ritschard, 54, Dies at Basketball Game Friday Night

Death struck in the Herman Ritschard family with lightning like suddenness Friday night at 8:45 p. m., when Mrs. Ritschard, 52, died during halftime, intermission of the South Wayne-Belleville high school basketball game at Belleville.

The game was postponed.

Their son, Michael, was playing for South Wayne. The Ritschard couple, formerly of Washington township, moved to Jordan township March 1, 1948.

Services Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Ritschard were held at 2 Tuesday afternoon at the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, with the Rev. J. Alan Mittler, pastor of the Monticello and Washington Reformation churches, officiating.

Burial was in the Washington church cemetery. Pallbearers were Eldon Grossen, Ralph Voegeli, Robert Grossen, Jr., and Thomas Kubly, Monticello, Gerald Grossen and Walter Grossen, Jr., Browntown, William Heinzelman, Monroe, and Russell Grossen, Belleville.

The daughter of Emil and Emma Dummermuth Grossen, she was born at Arena, Iowa county, April 5, 1908, and attended the Arena schools. On Feb. 12, 1925, she was united in marriage to Herman Ritschard, the ceremony taking place in Monticello. They operated farms in Washington township until moving to the Jordan township farm in 1948.

Mrs. Ritschard was a member of the Washington Reformation United Church of Christ, its Aid society, and the Jordan Center homemakers club.

Surviving are the husband: six sons, Raland and Donald, Monticello, Delbert, Argyle, Norman, Route 3, Monroe, Royal, Monroe, and Michael, at home; two daughters, Mrs. John (Marlys) Hegge, Madison, and Mrs. Elton (Darlyne) Segner, Route 4, Monroe; eight brothers, Fred and Robert Grossen, Monticello, George, Emil, Edward and Howard, Monroe, Walter, Browntown, and William, Belleville; three sisters, Mrs. Roy Reinman, Clarno, Mrs. Elwin DeVoe, Monroe, and Mrs. Rodney Zimmerman, Brodhead; and 27 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, March 27, 1958, her father, Oct. 4, 1954, a brother, John, April 11, 1953, and a sister, Mrs. Herman Voegeli, Oct. 6, 1961.