

Ulrich Rufer

May 15, 1857 - March 9, 1944

Ulrich Rufer, Aged 86, Former Farmer In Washington, Dies Native of Switzerland is Called Monday; Rites Yesterday

Monroe—Funeral services for Ulrich Rufer, 86 years of age, who died Sunday at the St. Clare hospital, where he had been hospitalized since Feb. 25, when he fractured a hip, were held Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. at the residence in Monroe, and at 2:15 p. m. at the Town Washington Evangelical and Reformed church.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, pastor of the Monticello and Washington Reformed churches, officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Native of Switzerland

He was born May 15, 1857, at Wynigen, Canton Bern, Switzerland, the son of Andreas and Elizabeth Zaugg Rufer. He came to the United States in 1879 and settled on a farm in Washington township, where he lived until he moved to Monroe in 1925. He was married Dec. 16, 1886, at Monticello, to Rosina Iseli. He served as an elder of the Town Washington church for 45 years and for the past three years had been an honorary elder. He also was a member of the church choir for 45 years and was always active in the affairs of the church.

Survivors include the widow; four daughters, Mrs. Charles R. Marty and Mrs. Edward Gempeler, both of Washington township, Mrs. David Indergand, Monroe township, and Mrs. Frank Hartwig, Jordan township; four sons, Will, Monroe township, Albert, Monroe, Carl, Washington township, and Pfc. Ewald Rufer, who is stationed at Allenhurst, N. J.: a brother, Fred, in Switzerland; 26 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Cpl Tech, Raymond F, Rufer, who died last December at Monroe after having received a medical discharge from the army after serving in New Guinea for many months; three brothers and four sisters.