Mrs. Susanna Kathrina Stauffer, 84, Esteemed Local Lady, Dies Monday Rites to be Held Today for Respected Resident Of Monticello Feb. 8, 1863 - Oct 20, 1947

Mrs. Jacob Stauffer, Sr., 84 years of age, well known and highly respected Monticello resident for nearly 30 years, passed away at her home on South Main street at 3:30 o'clock Monday morning from the effects of a cerebral hemorrhage and old age complications.

Mrs. Stauffer had been in failing health for the past two years and was in a critical condition for the past nine and one-half months. She had suffered a stroke nine and one-half months ago and had been in a more or less helpless condition since that time.

Washington Township Native

Susanna Kathrina ZumBrunnen was a native of Washington township, having been born Feb. 28, 1863, the daughter of Gottlieb and. Magdalena Rufi ZumBrunnen. She attended schools in Washington township and in Monroe. On Feb. 24, 1881, she was united in marriage to Jacob Stauffer, the ceremony taking place in Monroe. For seven years they resided in the vicinity of New Glarus, where the gentleman was engaged in cheesemaking. In 1888 they moved to a farm about two miles south of Monticello on highway 69, where she lived until 1918. Mr. Stauffer passed away in 1914. In 1918 she left the farm, coming to Monticello to spend the remaining years of her life.

Mrs. Stauffer was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church. A devoted Christian servant, she took an active part in many church affairs. Supporting her church gave her deep pleasure and in 1946 she presented Zwingli church with an electric Hammond organ in memorial of her deceased husband and herself.

Even at the advanced age of 80 years, Mrs. Stauffer, an unusually active individual, did much of the work around her home and derived much pleasure from her garden and flowers, where she could usually be found during the summer months.

The entire community was plunged into sadness when it was learned that Mrs. Stauffer had passed away after her long illness. An ideal mother and neighbor, Mrs. Stauffer had earned the respect and sincere friendship of all who knew her. A friendly, soft spoken lady, she had a kindly and pleasant greeting for everyone whom she came into contact with. Her passing has taken from our midst an individual who will be deeply missed.

Mrs; Staffer is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Anne Gempeler, Footville, Mrs. Ernst Gempeler, Miss Kate Stauffer, and Miss Rose Stauffer, Monticello, Mrs. Clifton Taylor, Los Angeles, Calif., and Miss Emilie Stauffer, Pasadena, Calif.; three sons, Fred N., Jacob and C. M. Stauffer, all of Monticello: 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and her parents.

Funeral Thursday

Funeral services will be held at 2. this (Thursday) afternoon at the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church. The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, will officiate, and burial will be in Highland cemetery. Six grandsons will be pallbearers. Carl Stauffer. East Troy, Walter and Jacob Gempeler, Footville, Calvin Stauffer, Robert Stauffer and Fred Gempeler, Monticello.