

Elisa Zeller

July 9, 1873 – May 10, 1947

Mrs. Elisa Zeller, 73; Called Monday; Final Rites Today Esteemed Monticello Lady Dies Suddenly After Brief Illness

Culminating an illness of only three days' duration, death claimed Mrs. Elisa Zeller, 78 years of age, well known and highly respected Monticello resident for more than 15 years, at 8:05 Monday evening at the home of a son, Walter, a short distance northeast of the village.

Mrs. Zeller became ill Saturday and the following day was in critical condition. She failed to rally and passed away only three days after becoming ill.

Native of Switzerland

Elisa Steiger was a native of Switzerland, having been born in Herisan, Canton Appenzell, July 9, 1873, the daughter of Martin and Elisa Kundig Steiger. She attended school in her native land and on March 8, 1900, she was united in marriage to John Zeller, the ceremony taking place in Herisan, Mr. and Mrs. Zeller came to America that same year and settled near New Glarus, where they operated a farm for 10 years. In 1910 they moved to the present Zeller farm, about a mile northeast of Monticello. In 1930 Mr. and Mrs. Zeller moved to Monticello to make their home.

Mrs. Zeller was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church and its Sunday school. She was a very active member of the church Ladies' Aid society for many years and was a devoted and tireless worker for the organization.

Sterling Character

Friends were deeply grieved as they learned of Mrs. Zeller's sudden and unexpected removal from our midst. She was an individual whose sterling and indelible character won for her the deep admiration and friendship of all who knew her. An unusually friendly and soft spoken individual, she always met everyone,—young and old alike with a cheery and happy greeting. She will be greatly missed by her many friends and acquaintances in the community,

She is survived by two sons, Walter, Monticello, and Werner, Glendale, Calif; and two grandchildren, Ruth and Reynold Zeller, She was preceded in death by her husband in 1939, and two sons, John, Jr., and Arnold.

Funeral Services Thursday

At noon today (Thursday) the body will be removed from the Voegeli funeral home to Zwingli church, where funeral services will be held at 2 in the afternoon. The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, will officiate, and burial will be in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers will be Kermit Kammerer, Willard Prisk, John Gempeler, Adam Duerst, Conrad Stauffacher and Emil Escher, all of Monticello.