

Helen Marion Zweifel
Sept. 28, 1913 - Aug. 13, 2011

Helen Marion (Frick) Zweifel, age 97, of Montello, passed away peacefully early Saturday morning Aug. 13, 2011, surrounded by her family at the Montello Care Center.

Helen was born in New Glarus, on Sept. 28, 1913, the third child of Jacob and Amalia (Tschudy) Frick. She was baptized and confirmed at the Zwingli Swiss Reformed Church of New Glarus; Helen was very proud of her Swiss heritage. She graduated Valedictorian from New Glarus High School in 1931, and then attended UW-Whitewater.

Helen was married on Aug. 16, 1933, to Homer Zweifel in Dixon, Ill. Together they owned several businesses in the New Glarus and Montello area. After his death in 1956, Helen returned to school and graduated from UW-Stevens Point in 1963. She taught elementary school in Apple River, Ill., and Slinger, Wis., for more than 20 years until retiring in 1978.

Helen was an exceptionally compassionate and caring individual. Her life was well lived. Helen had the opportunity to see many changes in the world in her almost century of life. Helen enjoyed her family, her home, shopping, the newspaper, and also flowers. Helen was affiliated with the Methodist Church Retired Teachers and Melody Chapter #ISO order of The Eastern Star. Her kind and gentle nature will always be remembered by her family and friends. Helen will live on in the hearts of those she loved and those who loved her.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Sandra (Richard) Kilbride-Becker of Montello; two sons, Zane of Montello, and Edward of Platteville; grandchildren, George (Leslie) Kilbride of Reno, Nev., Mary (Darrell) Kromm of Reeseville, Mark Zweifel of New Haven, Conn., Julie (John) Pluemer of Platteville; great-grandchildren, Kay (Justin) Kromm of Seward, Neb., Lynn Kromm of Cavy, N.C., Rana and Kallena Pluemer of Platteville, and Forrest and Lance Kilbride of Reno, Nev.

In addition to her husband, Helen was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Sylvan (Mildred) and Wilbert (Hazel) Frick; as well as two grandchildren, Margaret and Mike Kilbride; son-in-law, George Kilbride; and daughter-in-law, Marge Zweifel.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, at 11 a.m. at TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in Montello. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the hour of service at the church. Pastor Dawn Helton-Anishnaabeqwa will preside and burial will take place at Highland Cemetery in Monticello.

Crawford Funeral Home of Montello is assisting the family with arrangements.