

Wm. H. Benkert, 68, Dies Sunday After Long Illness

Oct. 16, 1886 – May 15, 1955

Funeral services for William H. Benkert, 68 years of age, life long resident of the Monticello area, who passed away at 2 Sunday afternoon following several months of failing health, were held at 2 Wednesday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Henry J. Elmer, Leon Klassy, Willard D. Prisk, Joe J. Voegeli, Dr. R. A. Woodruff and Dick L. Zentner.

Mr. Benkert had been a patient at the hospital since Thursday.

Born in Albany, Oct. 16, 1886, he was the son of Fred and Eliza Theiler Benkert. He attended the Loveland rural school, Washington township, and the Albany high school for two years. On Sept. 29, 1910, he was united in marriage to Ethel Morrell, the ceremony taking place- in Mt. Horeb. Mr. and Mrs. Benkert always made their home in Monticello since their marriage. Mr. Benkert had been a painter and decorator for many years.

He is survived by his wife; his step- mother, Mrs. Franc Benkert, Albany: six daughters, Mrs. Joseph Diehl, Terra Haute, Ind., Mrs. Paul Schrepfer, Belleville, Mrs. James Dillman, Tonawanda, N. Y., Mrs. Frank Segebart, Tomahawk, Mrs. Thelma Moore, Monticello, and Mrs. Sylvan Bidlingmaier, Monticello, two sons, Norman Monticello, and Edward, Chicago; and 16 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Richard, in 1927.