

Anna Maria Bidlingmaier

Nov. 29, 1859 – July 1, 1938

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Maria Bidlingmaier, 78 years of age, who passed away in her home in Monroe Thursday night following a stroke with which she became afflicted in August, 1937, were conducted at 1 Sunday afternoon in the home and at 2 in the Washington township Reformed church.

Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, pastor of the Reformed church, and Rev. A. Muehlmeier, who retired as pastor of the church a few weeks ago, officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers, all grandsons, were: Almond Bleiler, Adams; Leon Klassy, Monticello; Sylvan Bidlingmaier, Washington; Laurence Bidlingmaier, Adams; Alvin Bidlingmaier, Winslow, and Carl Bidlingmaier, Clarno.

Suffered Stroke

On Aug. 11, 1937, Mrs. Bidlingmaier, who had been considered an active lady despite her advanced years, suffered a stroke. She had been bedfast until her death. Mesdames Emil Elmer and W. E. Klassy, of this village, daughters of Mrs. Bidlingmaier, were in Monroe on several occasions during the past months assisting in the care of their mother.

Born in Ohio

Anna Marie Iseli was a native of the state of Ohio, having been born in Mineral City Nov. 29, 1859, a daughter of Christian and Verena Buenker Iseli. At the age of three years she accompanied her parents to Wisconsin, settling in Washington township. She attended the rural school and Sunday school in her community and in 1876 was confirmed in St. John's Evangelical church, Monroe.

She was united in marriage to Michael Bidlingmaier, the ceremony being conducted in Monroe by Rev. Fotsch on June 28, 1877. They resided on the Bidlingmaier farm in Washington township, where the gentleman passed away in 1900. Mrs. Bidlingmaier remained on the farm until 1918 when she moved to Monroe to reside. Her son, William, now conducts the farm.

List of Survivors

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. W. E. Klassy, Mrs. Emil Elmer and Mrs. Henry Loveland, Monticello, and Mrs. George W. Bleiler, Adams township; and four sons, William, Washington township; Edward, Adams township; Albert, Winslow, and George, Clarno township; 21 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Carl, a daughter, Ida, two sisters and three brothers.

Mrs. Bidlingmaier had a large circle of friends and acquaintances during her many years as a resident of Washington township, all of whom learned of her death with sincere regret. She was an ideal wife and mother and a highly esteemed neighbor and was always held in the highest regard by her friends and acquaintances.

She was a member of the German Reformed church, Washington township, and a charter member of the Washington Ladies' Aid society.