

Mrs. Fred W. Blum, 81, Dies Suddenly; Rites Held Sunday

May 20, 1884 - May 19, 1966

Funeral services for Mrs. Fred W. Blum, 81 years of age, native of Washington township and a resident of Monticello for more than 20 years, who died at 3 p.m. Thursday at her home very suddenly of a heart attack, were held at 2 Sunday afternoon at the Zwingli United Church of Christ here.

The Rev. J. Allan Mittler, church pastor, officiated, and interment was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Ernest Hiltbrand, Robert Holcomb, Sr., William E. Klassy, Clarence Wendler, Ernest Wenger and Jacob M. Wittenwyler.

Mrs. Blum, who had enjoyed good health until just a few days prior to her death, passed away on the day before her 82nd birthday was to have occurred.

Mary Speich was born in Washington township on May 20, 1884, a daughter of Christ and Elizabeth Babler Speich. On Feb. 28, 1907, she was united in marriage in Monticello to Fred W. Blum by the late Rev. Carl Heyl. They farmed about a mile west of Monticello until retiring to the village in 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Blum observed their golden wedding anniversary in 1957.

She was a member of Zwingli United Church of, Christ and the Ladies Aid Circle of the Washington Reformation church.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Max Schuett and Mrs. Paul E. Voegeli, both of Monticello; and by three grandsons.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Mrs. Jacob Rupp, Sr. in 1950, and by one brother, Jacob Speich, in 1955.