

Adam Duerst

Feb. 25, 1886 – Feb. 22, 1973

Adam Duerst, 86, Stricken; Services Held Here Sunday

Funeral services for Adam Duerst, 86 years of age, Belleville, a long time former Monticello area resident, who died at 11 p.m. Thursday at his home after a short illness, were held at 1:30 Sunday afternoon at Zwingli United Church of Christ here.

The Rev. Charles G. Workman, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery here. Pallbearers were Willis H. Babler, Fred T. Burgy, Harvey E. Elmer, William Moser, Monticello, Walter F. Duerst, Belleville, and John Schmidt, Brodhead. He was born in New Glarus township, Feb. 25, 1886, the son of Fred H. and Emelie Kundert Duerst. He attended rural schools. On Feb. 16, 1911, he was married at New Glarus to Hulda B. Elmer, the ceremony being performed by the late Rev. A. Roth. They farmed near New Glarus for five years. In 1916 they moved to New Glarus, where they owned and operated a hardware store for four years. In 1920 they moved to Monticello, where he farmed at the southeast edge of the village until moving to Belleville in 1966.

Mr. Duerst was a cattle buyer and had clients in all parts of the nation as well as in Mexico. For many years he served as manager of the Monticello Livestock Association. He also served on the Monticello village board for several years.

Mr. Duerst was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, and served on the church consistory for 17 years.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. John (Flora) Christopher, Madison; one son, Elmer A. Duerst, Middleton; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Emil, New Glarus, Herman. Fred and Clarence, Belleville, and Henry, Monticello.