

Mrs. Fern L. Duerst

Sept. 23, 1898 - June 4, 1985

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 8, for Mrs. Sam E. (Fern) Duerst, 86, rural Monticello, who died Tuesday, June 4, 1985 at her home following an illness of several months.

She was born in Monticello, on Sept. 23, 1898, the daughter of John M. and Ann Marty Zweifel. She was a 1915 graduate of Monticello High School. On Nov. 14, 1916 she was married to Sam Edward Duerst. He died on July 21, 1981. They lived in Monticello for one year and then farmed in Washington Township.

Mrs. Duerst was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ and a charter member of it's Friendship Circle. She was clerk of Washington Township for many years and was a member of the Washington Homemakers.

Services were held at the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, with the Rev. Don Nelson, interim pastor officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.

Survivors include one son, Karl, E. Duerst, rural Monticello; one brother, John W. Zweifel, Browntown, and two granddaughters.