

**Verena Duerst**  
**June 22, 1891 – March 1937**

**Mrs. Henry Duerst Called After Long Illness; Hold Rites**  
**Rev. A. Muehlmeier Will Conduct Final Services This Afternoon**

Mrs. Henry Duerst, 45 years of age, well known resident of Monticello and vicinity for nearly her entire lifetime, passed away shortly afternoon Monday in her home on Railroad avenue following an illness of several months. Pleurisy and pneumonia proved fatal.

Mrs. Duerst's untimely death came as a sad blow to both relatives and friends. She first became ill nearly a year ago, at which time she submitted to an operation at the Wisconsin General hospital. She recovered from this nicely and was apparently improving gradually until early in the fall when her condition took a sudden turn for the worse.

**Native of Washington**

A native of Washington township, Verena Voegeli was born June 22, 1891, the daughter of Jacob and Verena Voegeli. She was confirmed in the Monticello Reformed church by Rev. Heyl. The old Voegeli homestead, where she first saw the light of day, is now operated by her two brothers, Jacob and Walter Voegeli. On Dec. 4, 1912 she was united in marriage to Henry J. Duerst, New Glarus, the ceremony taking place in the home of her parents. For two years following their marriage the couple resided on the Duerst homestead farm, three miles north of New Glarus. They have resided in Monticello for approximately 23 years.

**Many Sterling Qualities**

The passing of Mrs. Duerst removes from our midst a woman of many sterling qualities and news of her death has occasioned sincere regret among a large circle of friends in this village and elsewhere. She was admired by both old and young alike for her gentle disposition and indelible character. She was not only a devoted wife but an ideal neighbor who had always been held in the highest regard by the large circle of friends whom she numbered among her acquaintances.

Survivors, besides the bereaved widower are one sister, Mrs. Fred Wild, Belleville, and five brothers, Joseph, Jacob, Walter and Fred, Monticello, and John Voegeli, Lodi, Wis. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Duerst was a member of the Monticello Reformed church and of its Ladies' Aid society.

Funeral services will be conducted this (Thursday) afternoon at 1:30 in the home and at 2 in the Reformed church, the Rev. A. Muehlmeier, church pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Highland cemetery.

Pall bearers will be nephews, as follows: Henry Voegeli and John Voegeli, Lodi, Wis., Walter Duerst and Carl Wild, Belleville, Donald Voegeli, Frederick Voegeli and Vernon Duerst, Monticello.