

Lena Graf

Mrs. Lena Graf, 88, Monticello, died Sunday, May 23, 1982, in her home adjoining Graf's Chateau which she operated for many years. Death was from natural causes, which occurred earlier in the day and was discovered at about 5:15 p.m. Sunday.

She was the former Lena Buhlmann, born in Thub, Canton Bern, Switzerland, on March 29, 1894. On March 11, 1920 she was married to George Graf in Switzerland. They came to the United States on March 26, 1920, settling in the Argyle area where they made cheese at the Biggs Factory from 1920 to 1926. From 1926 until 1930, they made cheese at the White Oak Factory in Green County.

They moved to Monticello in 1931, and operated a soft drink parlor there. They purchased a former hardware building on North Main Street in Monticello in 1933, remodeling it for the operation of Graf's Chateau Tavern. Her husband died Oct. 24, 1972, and she continued to operate the business until the time of her death.

There are no known survivors in the United States.

She was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello and its Ladies Aid.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 26, in the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.