

LENA KARLEN

Rites Held Sunday For Mrs. Herman L. Karlen, Age 76

Funeral services for Mrs. H. L. Karlen, highly esteemed resident of Monticello for nearly her entire lifetime, who passed away at 7 p.m. On Wednesday of last week in the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, were held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

Mrs. Karlen was 76 years of age.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery.

Pallbearers, all nephews, were Melvin Lynn, Jr., Madison, Lieut. Gene Lynn, Seattle, Wash., Kenneth Hoesly, New Glarus, Gordon Steinmann, Madison, Howard R. and John W. Steinmann, Monticello.

Mrs. Karlen was taken ill Dec. 21 and was hospitalized two days later.

Lena Steinmann, the daughter of J. C. and Barbara Legler Steinmann, was born on a farm in New Glarus township, Jan. 16, 1879, she was united in marriage to H. L. Karlen, the ceremony being performed in Monticello by the late Dr. Muehlmeier. She spent her entire married life in Monticello with the exception of one year when they lived in Royalton, where Mr. Karlen managed a farm for an Oshkosh firm. Mr. Karlen was a partner in the Karlen & Steinmann Lumber company here for over 50 years.

She always took a keen interest in the various organizations of the village. Mrs. Karlen was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church and its Ladies Aid society. She was a life member of the Missionary Society and was also a life member of the Women's Relief Corps and of the Monticello chapter of the Order of the Easter Star.

A home-loving type of individual, Mrs. Karlen was a tireless worker, always willing and ready to help her friends and her family. She enjoyed the deep respect of an unusually large circle of friends and acquaintances. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends throughout the community.

She is survived by two sons, R. W. Karlen and C. W. Karlen, Monticello; one daughter, Mrs. Richard Dugdale, Monticello; one sister, Mrs. M. E. Lynn, Monticello, and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Karlen was preceded in death by her husband, July 13, 1956, three brothers, George, 1940, John C. Jr., 1944, and Fred H., 1952, and by two brothers and one sister in childhood.

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