

Mrs. Ritschard, 92, Area Native, Dies; Services Held Friday

Mrs. Magdalena Ritschard, 92 years of age, a native of Washington township and long-time Monroe resident, died on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1967, at the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, where she had been a medical patient since Oct. 28.

Mrs. Ritschard had been a resident of the New Glarus Home for the Aged since last April.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Washington Reformation Church in Washington township. The Rev. Leo L. Duerson, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in the adjoining church cemetery,

Mrs. Ritschard was the last of 14 children of Christian and Verena Buenker Iseli, and was born on Feb. 11, 1875, in Washington township. On Nov. 28, 1895, she was united in marriage to Emil C. Ritschard, the ceremony taking place in the Iseli home. For 27 years they farmed in Washington township and moved to Monroe in 1922. Mr. Ritschard then became identified with the contracting and carpenter business. He died May 16, 1953.

Mrs. Ritschard was a life-long member of the Washington Reformation church and entertained a keen interest in the recent church rebuilding project.

She is survived by two sons, Herman, Route 3, Monroe, and Paul W., Monroe; two daughters, Mrs. William Heinzelman, Route 2, Monroe. and Mrs, Ralph Kubly, Route 1, Monticello; 20 grandchildren, and 54 great-grandchildren. A grandchild is deceased.

Mrs. Ritschard was preceded in death by seven children in infancy; two daughters, Mrs. Clarence Holcomb, Monticello, in 1940, and Mrs. Ernest Moritz. Monticello. in 1923; one son, Ernest Ritschard in 1918; six brothers, George, Sam, John, Henry, and William D., all of the Monroe area, and Jacob, in California; and six sisters, Mrs. Anna Ritschard, Mrs, Mary Bidlingmaier. Mrs. Rosina Rufer, and Mrs. Carl Marty, Sr., all of Monroe, Mrs. Lewis Waeffler, Wheaton, Minn, Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons, Buffalo. Wyo. and one in infancy