

**Elaine Rodenberg**  
**May 23, 1915 – Feb. 1, 1973**

Mrs. Elaine Rodenberg, 57, 119 Highland, Monticello, became Green County's first traffic fatality for 1973 in a two vehicle crash at 7:01 p.m. Thursday.

The accident occurred about eight miles north of Monroe on Wis. 69 at Burgi Flats, about two miles south of Monticello.

A straight truck, owned by General Beer Dist., Madison, and operated by Everett Caldwell, 41, Belleville, went out of control and collided with the car driven by Mrs. Donald (Karen L.) Marti, 28, Monticello, daughter of Mrs. Rodenberg.

Mrs. Rodenberg was a passenger in the Marti car. Mrs. Marti suffered lacerations to the forehead, a broken nose and a concussion. She remains at St. Clare Hospital, in the intensive care unit, this morning. There were no injuries listed for Caldwell.

The truck was headed northeast, coming off the east curve of Burgi Flats, when it went out of control and tipped over in the path of the oncoming southbound Marti car.

Mrs. Rodenberg was killed instantly, according to Green County Coroner, Richard Wagner. She died of head injuries. No inquest will be held.

Causes of the accident are still under investigation. Charges are pending.

Mrs. Rodenberg was the former Elaine Pierce, a native of Monticello, born May 23, 1915, a daughter of Orville and Kathryn Hancock Pierce. She attended Monticello and Madison schools. On July 6, 1944, she was married in Milwaukee to George Rodenberg.

She had previously lived in Chicago and for the past 20 years had been in Monticello. She was employed at Oaktron Industries, Monroe, for many years.

Mrs. Rodenberg was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Kathryn Staedtler of Monticello; two daughters, Mrs. Donald F. (Karen) Marti, Monticello, and Mrs. Gary (Rhonda) Boley, Sullivan, Jefferson County; a son, Allen Rodenberg, Brooklyn; a sister, Mrs. Lucille Hanson, Madison, and four grandchildren.

Her father died in 1924.

Voegeli Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.