

Margaret Rufer

June 17, 1868 – May 1933

WASH. TWP. LADY CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Jac. Rufer, Resident Of Community For 55 Years, Passes

Following an illness of six months' duration, Mrs. Margaret Rufer, 64 years of age, Washington township, died at 11 o'clock Friday morning in her home there. She had submitted to a major operation in December.

Final rites were conducted at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon in the home in Washington township and at 2 in the Washington Reformed church. Rev. A. Muehlmeier, Monticello, pastor of the church, officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Native of Switzerland

A native of Oberhofen, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Miss Margaret Ritschard was born June 17, 1868, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Ritschard. Arriving in America with her parents at the age of eight years, the family settled first in Kuhlman, Alabama, before coming to Washington township a year later. In 1887 she was married to Jacob Rufer in Monticello and since then had always resided on the same farm in Washington township.

Mrs. Rufer is survived by five sons, Emil Rufer, Monroe township; Edward, Fred, Louis, and Ruben Rufer, Washington township; three daughters, Mrs. Albin Indergand, Monroe township; Mrs. John Marty, Monticello, and Mrs. Morris Lowry, Madison; 17 grandchildren, two brothers, Emil and Fred Ritschard, Monroe; and a sister, Mrs. Julia Wenger, Wisconsin Rapids. She was preceded in death by a son, Arnold, who died in 1918, and a sister, Mrs. David Theiler, who passed away in 1927.