

ELFA VOEGELI

Feb. 8, 1898 - Nov. 6, 1978

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 6, 1978, for Mrs. Elfa J. Voegeli, 80, Monticello, who died Thursday, Nov. 2, 1978 at St. Clare Hospital, Monroe, of heart failure. She had been ill the past two years and was hospitalized on Oct. 19

She was the former Elfa Josephine Streiff and was born on Feb. 8, 1898, the daughter of Peter and Elsbeth Schindler Streiff. She attended New Glarus High school and worked as a bookkeeper at the Levitan and Stuessy store in New Glarus prior to her marriage on May 5, 1919, to Fred W. Voegeli at New Glarus.

The couple attended Marquette University before returning to Monticello, where they operated the Voegeli Funeral Home. Following the death of her husband on May 1, 1940, Mrs. Voegeli continued to operate the funeral home until 1946, when their son returned from service with the Navy in World War II. She retired from the funeral home operation in 1955.

Mrs. Voegeli was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ, a life member of its Women's Guild, and a member of the Women's Missionary Society, Ladies Aid Society, John Ross Relief Corps, New Glarus Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Amstutz-Marty American Legion Auxiliary. She served as matron of the OES. Mrs. Voegeli and the late Martha Richards formed the first Girl's Guild at Zwingli Church and led the group for many years.

Services were held at Zwingli Church. Rev. Charles Workman officiated and burial was in Highland Cemetery in Monticello.

Survivors include a son, Frederick S. Voegeli, Monticello, and a sister, Mrs. Emil S. (Esther) Duerst, New Glarus.

She was preceded in death by her husband and four sisters, Mrs. Fred (Rose) Leuenberger, Mrs. C. Fred (Ellen) Disch, Mrs. John S. (Bertha) Hefty and Mrs. Robert (Emma) Streiff.

Pallbearers were Thomas H. Brusveen, Elmer D. Freitag, Karl H. Freitag, Dr. C. J. Klooster, Jon F. Quade and Wilbert Stauffer.