

Maria Amstutz
Jan. 25, 1868 – September 1939

Mrs. Maria Amstutz Is Summoned; Final Burial Services Held
Local 'Gold Star' Mother Expires in Home of Daughter

Funeral services for Mrs. Maria Amstutz, 71 years of age, well known and highly esteemed resident of Monticello for nearly 50 years, who passed away at 9:30 Thursday morning of a heart attack in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Fred H. Stauffacher, three miles northwest of the village, were conducted at 1:30 Saturday afternoon in the Voegeli funeral home and at 2 in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were: Jacob Krieg, Jr., Ted Zurbuchen, Dan Wichser, Charles Youngreen, Traugott Senn and Henry J. Elmer.

Was Hospital Patient

About six weeks ago Mrs. Amstutz entered the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, where she submitted to an appendicitis operation. She rallied nicely despite her advanced years and appeared to be making satisfactory improvement. She was removed from the institution after about three weeks and was taken to the home of her daughter, northwest of Monticello, where she had been able to be up and around after the first few days following her arrival there. Her condition took a sudden turn for the worse, however, Thursday morning and her ailing heart failed to function properly, her death coming suddenly after the change was noticed.

Native of Switzerland

Maria Welch was a native of Switzerland, having been born there Jan. 25, 1868. She received her education in her native country and came to America when a young woman. She was united in marriage to Sam Amstutz, the ceremony taking place in New York City. Following their marriage the couple came west to Green county where the gentleman followed the vocation of cheesemaking in the Argyle vicinity for some time. Later they moved to Monticello and took charge of the Grand Central hotel, which they operated until 19 years ago when they disposed of the property to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wyss and family. Mr. Amstutz passed away Sept. 21, 1916.

Gold Star Mother

Mrs. Amstutz, a Gold Star mother, was the subject of further grief a year or more later when a son, Fred, gave his life for this country during the World war. Another son, Sam, now deceased, also fought in the same war. The Monticello American Legion post No. 256, was dedicated in honor of this Monticello boy who gave his life in the service.

Not only was Mrs. Amstutz a devoted wife and mother but an ideal neighbor as well and news of her sudden death was received with sincere regret by the large circle of friends who were numbered among her acquaintances.

She is survived by three sons, Walter and Herman, Monticello, and Wm., Monroe junior high school teacher; two daughters, Mrs. Fred H. Stauffacher, Monticello. and Mrs. Henry Marty, Appleton; four grandchildren, and relatives in Switzerland. Deceased are the two sons, Fred and Sam, and one daughter, Clara, in infancy.